Spring To-Do Requirements
Update your Crop Reporting Form for Nitrogen Management at cpnrd.gisworkshop. by March 31. When forms are successfully submitted, a receipt will be sent to your email address. Cash & Debit orders will be made to producers who fail to submit forms by the deadline following the first day of the county meetings. Violations will be enforced prior to the 2020 irrigation season.

Nitrogen Certification
Nitrogen certification is valid for 4 years. If your certification expires in 2020, you should have received a certification test to be completed and returned to the CPNRD office. Certification from other districts is accepted. Note: Producers who attended the Water Programs Update in Kearney must complete the Nitrogen Management test.

Your Contact: Tricia Dudley (308) 385-6282 or dudley@cpnrd.org

Chemigation Permits Due 1/22
Current renewal permits expire on June 1 each year. Renewal permits can be issued without an inspection at a cost of $20. Applications received after June 1 will be at a $50 per unit fee and a required inspection before the permit can be issued. Once a system is inspected, the system will be inspected every 3 years. If changes are made to any part of the system, such as a new pump or a new pivot, a reinspection of that system is required.

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3. Davey Morgan, Lexington
4. Scott Stith, Lincoln
5. Marvion Reichert, Elm Creek
6. Jen Miller, Grand Island
7. Jerry Milner, Grand Island
8. Lee Ford, Gibbon
9. Vern Scott, Grand Island
10. Chuck Maser, Grand Island

Steve Sheen, Kearney
Alicia Haussler, Grand Island

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Easement Admin Specialist: Michelle Steffen

Biologist: Mark Czaplewski

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Range Management Specialist: Dave Carr

Resources Communication: Bill Hult
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2019 Flood…NRDs Share Experiences

A year has passed since the historic flooding we had in March 2019. We all remember it. Our NRD along with the Lower Elkhorn, Lower Platte North, Lower Platte South, and Papio Missouri NRDs are all in an agreement to monitor river conditions along the Lower Platte River.

We are boots on the ground. We’re sharing our story about the events that unfolded here in our own District and partner Districts. Listen to the podcast and view some of our pictures at: http://cpnrd.org/flood-control/

Reminder: Check Pastures for Noxious Weeds

The most commonly found noxious weeds within the Central Platte NRD are:
- Musk Thistle
- Canada Thistle
- Leafy Spurge
- Purple Loosestrife
- Saltcedar
- Phragmites

Time to check your windbreak. Do you need to replace some trees or add a new windbreak? CPNRD will take orders until April 1 for tree and shrub seeding to be planted this spring.

Seedlings are sold in bundles of 25 for $22.50 + tax. If you’d like a smaller number of trees, we have Small Acre Packages.

The website also allows you to place a “pin” on the map to show where you have grown your native prairie or pollinator habitat. It would be amazing if we can fill up the state with “pins” and pictures showing the extent of everyone’s efforts.

Link to the website at: http://cpnrd.org/grassland-conservation

Employee Spotlight: David Carr

David has been employed by CPNRD since 2004. He manages the NRD’s prescribed fire and safety programs. David works primarily with private landowners and organizations to plan, implement, and monitor prescribed fires to improve the range and wildlife habitat within the District.

He also plans and coordinates fire training and public education involving the safe use of prescribed fire. On the off-season, David takes minute measurements on irrigation wells.

If you have any questions about the native seed project or the website call (308) 385 6282.

Your CPNRD Contact: Kelly Cole (308) 385-6282 or contact your local USDA-NRCS office.

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Shoal Off Your Planted Prairie!

Native grassland and pollinator habitat conservation is vital to agriculture and to Nebraska wildlife. If you’re one of the thousands of folks who have visited the Native Resources building at Husker Harvest Days, you may have picked up a packet of the Native Prairie or Pollinator seed from the NRDs. If you received and planted some of our native prairie or pollinator seed, we need you to show off your hard work!

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