

## Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

### Administrative Area 1

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Area 1 includes 27 counties, 26 field offices, 27 conservation districts, and 3 authorized Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) areas and 2 pending RC&D areas that have made application.

#### Area Office: 1

- Hays

#### Field Offices: 26

- Cheyenne County - St. Francis
- Decatur County - Oberlin
- Ellis County - Hays
- Finney County - Garden City
- Graham County - Hill City
- Greeley County - Tribune
- Hamilton County - Syracuse
- Hodgeman County - Jetmore
- Kearny County - Lakin
- Lane County - Dighton
- Logan County and Gove County - Oakley
- Ness County - Ness City
- Norton County - Norton
- Osborne County - Osborne
- Phillips County - Phillipsburg
- Rawlins County - Atwood
- Rooks County - Stockton
- Russell County - Russell
- Scott County - Scott City
- Sheridan County - Hoxie
- Sherman County - Goodland
- Smith County - Smith Center
- Thomas County - Colby
- Trego County - WaKeeney
- Wallace County - Sharon Springs
- Wichita County - Leoti

#### Authorized RC&D Areas: 3

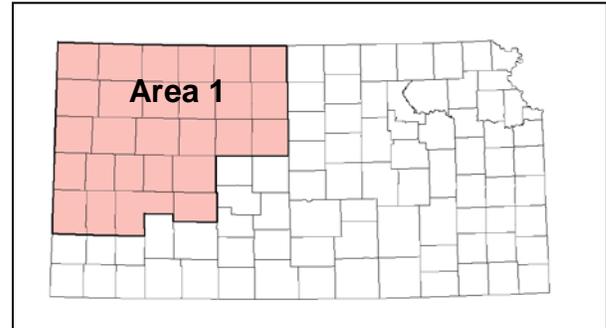
- Santa Fe Trail – Lakin (Finney, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Kearny, Morton, Scott, Stanton, Stevens, and Wichita Counties)
- Western Prairie – Colby (Cheyenne, Decatur, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, and Wallace Counties)
- Solomon Valley – Stockton (Graham, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rooks, and Smith Counties)

#### Pending RC&D Areas: 2

- Coronado Crossing (Hodgeman County)
- Smoky Hills (Ellis, Gove, Lane, Ness, Rush, Russell, and Trego Counties)

#### Partnerships:

- Conservation districts offices located in all 27 counties.



#### Partnerships (continues):

- Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) provides 2 wildlife biologists, one located in the NRCS Hays Area Office and the other at the Garden City KDWP Regional Office.
- Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams (KAWS) provides a wetlands coordinator at the Scott City Field Office.
- Kansas Forest Service provides forestry assistance through a cooperative agreement with NRCS. A forester is located in the Garden City Field Office.

#### Major Land Resource Areas:

- Central High Tableland
- Rolling Plains and Breaks
- Central Kansas Sandstone Hills

#### Major Ag Production:

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| • Wheat      | • Sorghum |
| • Cotton     | • Corn    |
| • Sunflowers | • Cattle  |

#### Major Practices:

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| • Prescribed Grazing                 | • Terraces      |
| • Residue Management                 | • Windbreaks    |
| • Irrigation Water Management        | • Pipelines     |
| • Livestock Waste Facilities         | • Range Seeding |
| • Upland Wildlife Habitat Management |                 |

#### Resource Concerns:

- Soil erosion occurring from cropland under continuous annual crop production
- Water quality degradation due to sediment, nutrients, and pesticides
- Water quantity concerns due to ground water depletion
- Degraded rangeland condition from overgrazing and continued drought
- Soil quality concerns due to organic matter depletion caused by excessive tillage
- Fragmentation and degradation of wildlife habitat
- Loss of wetlands (degraded wildlife habitat and reduced aquifer recharge)
- Invasive species