

# STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Virtual Meeting Only - Held by Teams Meeting  
August 17, 2022  
10 a.m.


## Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Comments Tony Sunseri
2. Congressional Representatives
3. Farm Service Agency Updates Brandon Walter
  - Conservation Reserve Program
4. Soil Health Update Kent Vlieger
5. Conservation Collaboration Grants and Cooperative Agreements Update Colette Kessler
6. Conservation Implementation Strategy Brandon Kottke
7. Program Updates Krecia Leddy  
Jennifer Wurtz  
Joyce Trevithick  
Marcus Rock
  - Regional Conservation Partnership Program
  - Environmental Quality Incentives Program
  - Conservation Stewardship Program
  - Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
8. South Dakota Wetland/HEL Compliance Update Deke Hobbick
9. Partnership Reports
10. Other

For: State and County Offices

**CRP Conservation Plan and CRP-1 Approval Deadlines**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Deadlines for conservation plans and contract approvals were previously provided in Notice CRP-969, Notice CRP-973, and Notice CRP-976. Offers must be approved by the COC or CED by COB on September 30, 2022, with a contract effective date of October 1, 2022, for all the following:

- general CRP signup that includes new land, reenrolled land and a combination of new and reenrolled land
- continuous CRP signup, including CLEAR30, for reenrolled land or a combination of reenrolled and new land
- grassland CRP signup.

Questions have been received concerning the deadlines for conservation plans, extensions for conservation plan deadlines for certain signup types and contract approvals for all CRP signup types.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides continuous CRP signup 57, general CRP signup 58, grassland CRP signup 204, and CLEAR30 deadlines for conservation plans and for contract approval and policy for extensions for conservation plan deadline for general CRP signup 58 only.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
February 1, 2023	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices, NRCS State Offices, and Forest Service

## Notice CRP-979

### **4 Action**

#### **A County Office Action**

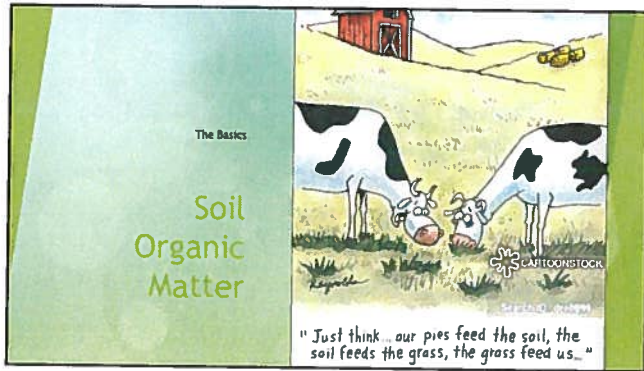
County Offices will:

- follow guidance provided by this notice.
- work with the NRCS field office to ensure planning deadlines are met.
- request an extension for Signup 58 planning deadline from SED if needed.
- contact their FSA State Office specialist with any questions regarding this notice.

#### **B State Office Action**

State Offices will:

- work with their NRCS State Offices to ensure planning deadlines are met.
- approve requests for extending the Signup 58 planning deadline on a county-by-county basis as necessary.
- contact Beverly Preston, Program Manager with any questions regarding this notice.



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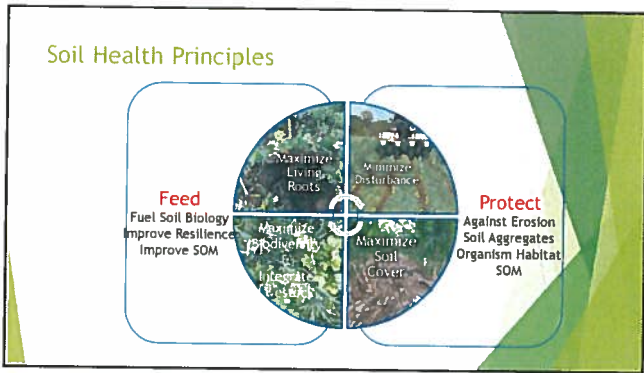
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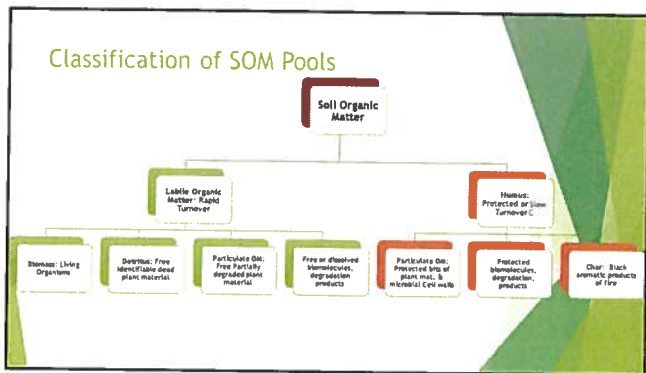
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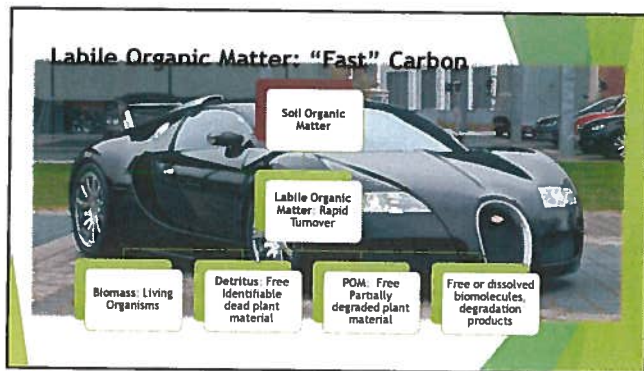
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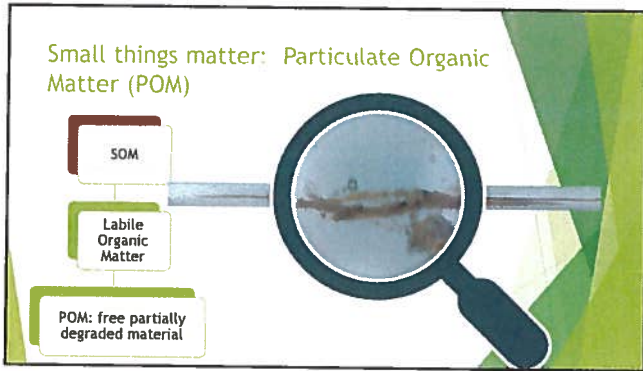
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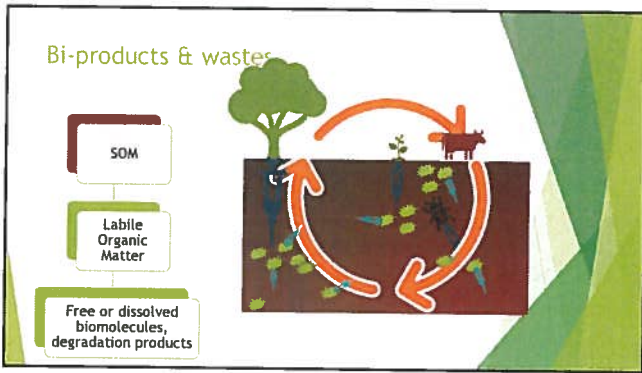
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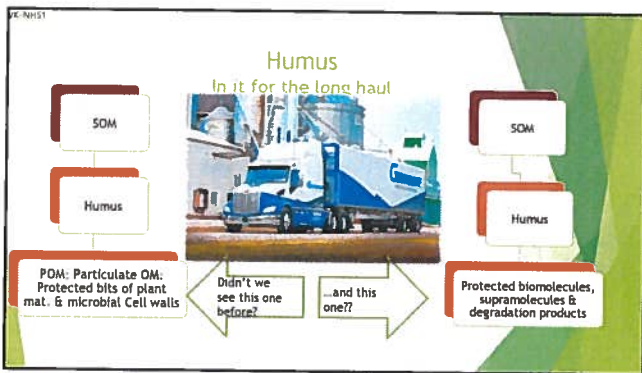
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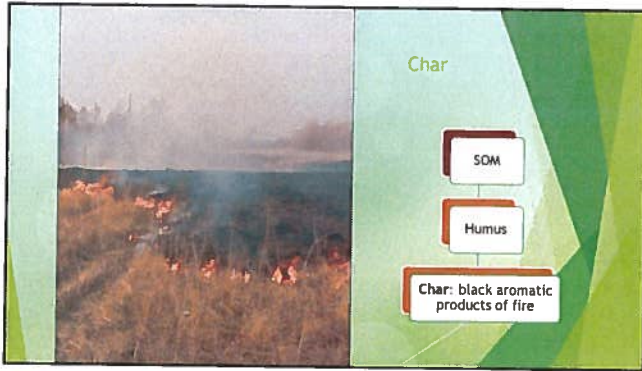
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**Conservation Stewardship Program Report**  
**State Technical Committee Meeting**  
**August 17, 2022**  
**Joyce Trevithick, CSP Coordinator**  
**[joyce.trevithick@usda.gov](mailto:joyce.trevithick@usda.gov) (605) 220-4920**

**South Dakota field offices are reminding producers to provide documentation for FY2022 activity implementation. Documentation is due to field offices (FOs) September 16, 2022, in order to allow time for the FOs to certify all completed practices by September 30, 2022. Payments will be made in the first and second quarters of FY2023.**

**CSP Classic 2022**

- Application deadline was January 21, 2022
- 523 applications received
- South Dakota had an initial allocation of \$8,640,000. Funded 57 contracts
- Allocation #2 was \$4,004,000. Received May 9, 2022. Funded 19 contracts
- Allocation #3 was \$2,782,300. Funded 7 contracts
- Allocation #4 plan is \$2,168,432 and will fund 9 more applications
- Total SD CSP Classic allocation for FY2022 \$17,594,732
- These allocations will have funded approximately 92 CSP contracts.
- South Dakota spent \$1.2 million of these funds on Beginning Farmer applicants and \$1.03 million went to Socially Disadvantaged applicants.
- Obligation deadline for final allocation will be September 15, 2022

**CSP Renewals 2023**

- Application deadline was April 15, 2022
- 333 applications received
- Obligation deadline will be after October 1, 2022
- No allocation until after the fiscal year rollover

**CSP-GCI 2023**

- Offers sent out mid-August by the Farm Service Agency
- Application deadline possibly October 14, 2022
- Obligation deadline likely December 30, 2022



**Agricultural Conservation Easement Program Update  
August 2022**

- Tentatively planning to fund 9 WRE offers in 2022 totaling 530.3 acres
  - Including 5 from the Vermillion River CIS project area approved in FY21.
  - Other projects are from Hutchinson, Roberts, and Tripp Counties
  - Those Agreements for the Purchase of Conservation Easement (APCEs) will be going out to those landowners soon.
- There has been a change in Compatible Use Authorization (CUA) haying timing. No longer a July 15 start date. It is now August 2 to align with the CRP Primary Nesting Season (PNS).
- Restoration work is progressing.
  - 4 easements (271 ac) seeded, and 5 easements have seedbed preparation in progress under both the federal contract and landowner contracts
  - 10 easements (127ac) were seeded under the Habitat Forever Cooperative Agreement (these are partial reseedings)
  - Multiple other practices have been completed including obstruction removal, herbaceous weed control, and wetland restorations.

**Water Bank Program**

- Tentatively plan on funding 11 applications for FY2022 totaling 808.3 acres

**WREP**

- Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership (WREP) project proposal submissions due September 23.

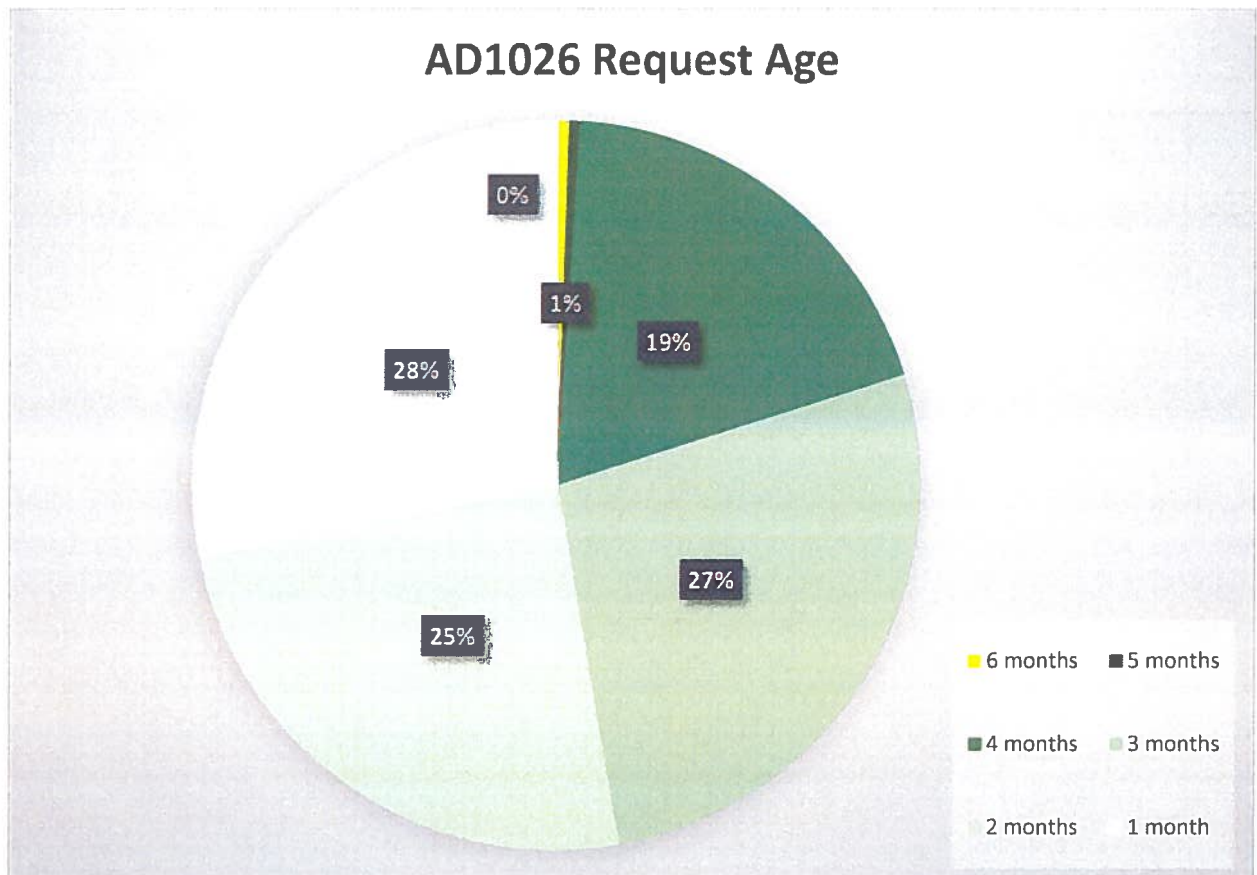
**Wetland Workload in South Dakota as of August 1, 2022**

**FSA-569 data from October 1, 2021: (includes carryover from FY2021)**

- 16 in Progress
- 27 Completed
- 36 Received

**AD-1026 data from October 1, 2021: (Includes Carry over from FY2021)**

- 194 In Progress
- 864 Completed
- 784 Received



**Highly Erodible Land Workload in South Dakota as of August 1, 2022**

**HEL AD-1026 data from October 1, 2021:**

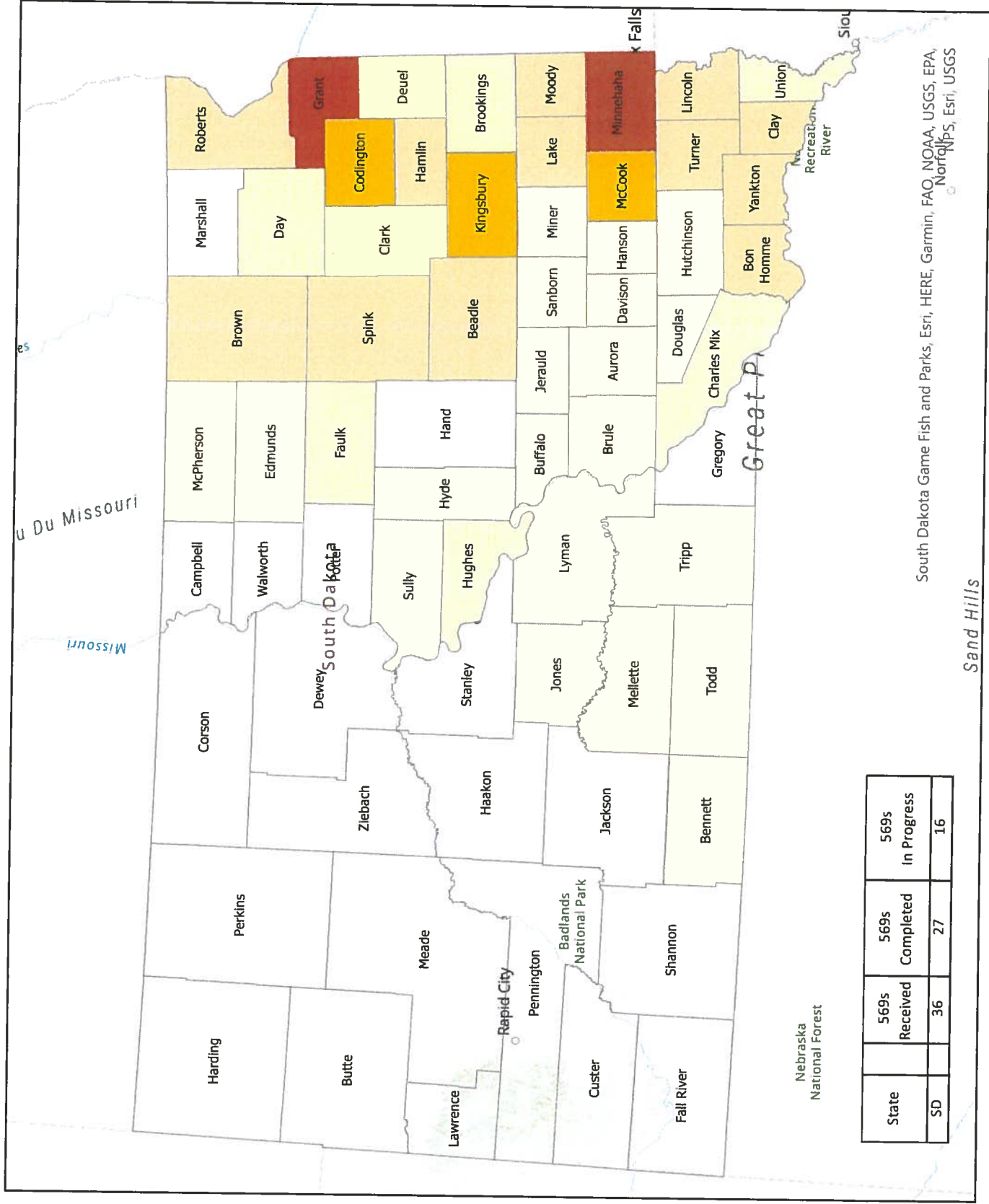
**-1,561 Completed**

**-19 Outstanding**

**-673 New Breakings**

**-164 Determined HEL**

Prairie Pothole Region  
 Certified Wetland Determination Requests In Progress (1026 only)  
 (Through August 1, 2022)



**Backlog**  
 Aug1Back(2022)

- 0
- 1-4
- 5-10
- 11-16
- 17-22

Certified Wetland  
 Determination Requests In  
 Progress  
 (Through August 1, 2022)

State Totals  
 SD - 194

Prairie Pothole Region  
 SD - 193

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State	569s Received	569s Completed	569s In Progress
SD	36	27	16

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