



Emergency Drought Livestock Water Supply Initiative

Sign Up Ending September 15, 2012

<u>Applications Received</u>	<u>Dollars Requested</u>
3,244	\$8,073,734

<u>NPS, WR and DWR Funds</u>	<u>Dollars Allocated</u>
Area 1 (Northwest Kansas)	\$204,069
Area 2 (Southwest Kansas)	\$168,267
Area 3 (Central Kansas)	\$246,880
Area 4 (Northeast Kansas)	\$256,992
Area 5 (Southeast Kansas)	\$205,786
District Funds Used (NPS/WR)	\$176,361
Watershed District Allocation	\$260,000
Total Funding for Entire Project	\$1,512,355

<u>Approved Applications</u>	<u>Dollars Approved*</u>
579	\$1,472,355
Cost-share Dollars Paid	\$564,220
Percent of Approved Applications Paid	38 Percent

**An additional \$40,000 has been made available from a watershed district that will be added to approvals.*

Applications Awaiting Funding As of January 9, 2013

Applications	Dollars Requested
2,448	\$6,089,674

Applications That Declined Cost-Share or Were Not Eligible Upon Field Visit

Applications	Dollars Requested
217	\$511,705

Senate Agriculture Committee

Date: 1-30-13

Attachment # 2-1

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Report on EDLWST

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UPDATE ON USDA NRCS WATER SUPPLY INITIATIVES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has also worked to address challenges related to livestock water supplies. There are two targeted efforts available through NRCS.

The first NRCS initiative is a priority effort within the existing Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to address emergency drought livestock water supplies. The second is a new pilot program for Kansas and Colorado announced by USDA in December that will exclusively target renovation of existing ponds. Neither effort is currently in implementation phase. However, both efforts are progressing.

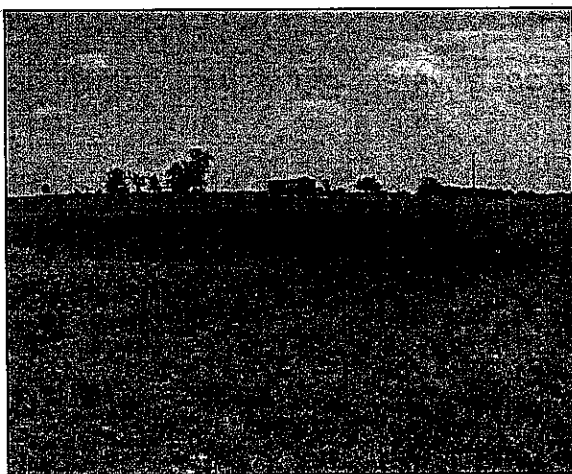
Currently, USDA NRCS in Washington, D.C., is finalizing the application screening criteria that will be utilized to prioritize and rank projects in the two-state pond renovation pilot project. Since the announcement of the pilot, NRCS has drafted a practice specification for pond clean-out and an additional practice to address the spreading of the removed sediment.

NRCS is projecting that a sign-up for the pilot program could begin soon and it is forecasted to be 30 days in length. An internal review and ranking will occur after the close of the sign-up and notice to producers of approved applications will follow.

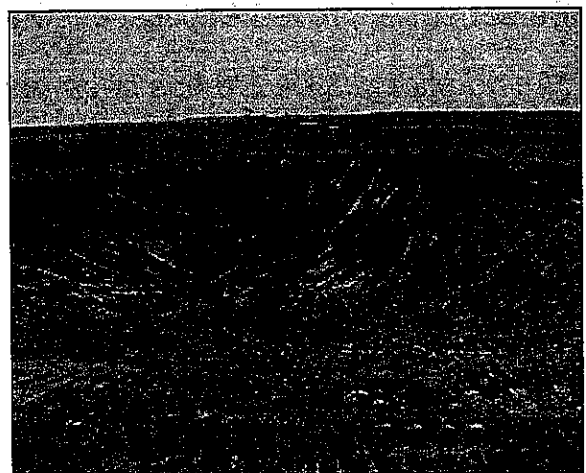
Kansas NRCS utilized the application inventory from the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation as supporting documents for the pilot program funding request. Actual amounts of initiative funding will be determined after the sign-up has completed.

Pond Renovation in Pictures

Below are before and after photos of a pond renovation project completed in 2012 as part of the KDA Division of Conservation Emergency Livestock Water Supply Initiative.



Before



After