Red River of the North

USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service, Minnesota
2018 Red River Basin Initiative

2018:
56 contracts
46,900 acres
$5.4 million obligated
EQIP 2018

The most utilized conservation practices for NRCS MN in the Red River Valley:

Cover crops
Grade stabilization
Structures for water control
Sediment control basins
Farm Bill Process

Law implementation has begun

**Rules are being written now and made available for your input**
2018 Farm Bill

Maintains EQIP and CSP
Re-invigorates RCPP
2018 Farm Bill: EQIP

- Adds potential for future resource concerns for operational changes
- New incentive payment opportunities
- Minnesota EQIP ranking and fund pools have changed!
- Focus on local ranking for local priorities
2018 Farm Bill: CSP

Now a dollar based program that can potentially increase payment rates.

Includes special a grassland conservation initiative.
2018 Farm Bill: RCPP

Became its own stand alone program with own funding

No need to go through EQIP, ACEP, 566 or CSP
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Chief’s Priorities

- Implement and deliver the Farm Bill
- Streamline our processes
- Improve services to producers
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