

## **FY 20 State Cost Share Signup– Begins November 1st**

The Ralls County Soil and Water Conservation District will be conducting a sign up for Fiscal Year 2020 State Cost-Share funds Thursday November 1st until Friday November, 30th 2018 at the NRCS/SWCD New London Field Office .

Landowners and operators may come in to discuss their needs with the technician or district manager. The request is recorded including details of where work is needed, what practice is wanted, and when the work is to be done. The November sign up is **NOT** a first come-first-served but merely an eligibility sign up.

Each application will be ranked to determine whether it meets state cost-share guidelines, and according to conservation benefits and cost effectiveness. Priority will be given to applications for practices in fields that are planted in wheat or no crop at all. Fields that can be worked in at the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1) will receive higher ranking than those not available until after fall harvest. Funds will be appropriated during the fiscal year 2020 (beginning July 1, 2019), based on the criteria. The number of applications approved will be determined by the amount of state funds we receive.

This sign up will be for conservation practices performed between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. For fiscal year 2020 Ralls SWCD will have our usual sheet rill and gully practices which includes terrace systems, sod waterways, diversions and water impoundment reservoirs and also cover crops. We will also have money for Grazing Management, which includes fencing, and waterlines, and also in Sensitive Areas. that includes well decommissioning and spring developments

Participants in the Cost Share Program will receive a reimbursement from DNR that amounts to 75% of the state average cost for that particular practice. DNR has a maximum payment allowed for some practices. Funding for the State Cost-Share is provided by the one tenth of 1% State Parks and Soils tax.

For more details stop by the USDA NRCS/SWCD office 17623 Hwy 19 Ste. 3. or call (573-985-8611 ext.3).

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please note that our office will be closed on November 12, 2018 in observance of Veteran's Day and also November 22, 2018 for Thanksgiving.