



Collaborate | Educate | Implement

This is a quarterly newsletter from Kansas Association of Conservation Districts. We hope that you stay subscribed to learn about conservation efforts in Kansas.

We look forward to seeing you at the Conservation Day at the Capitol!

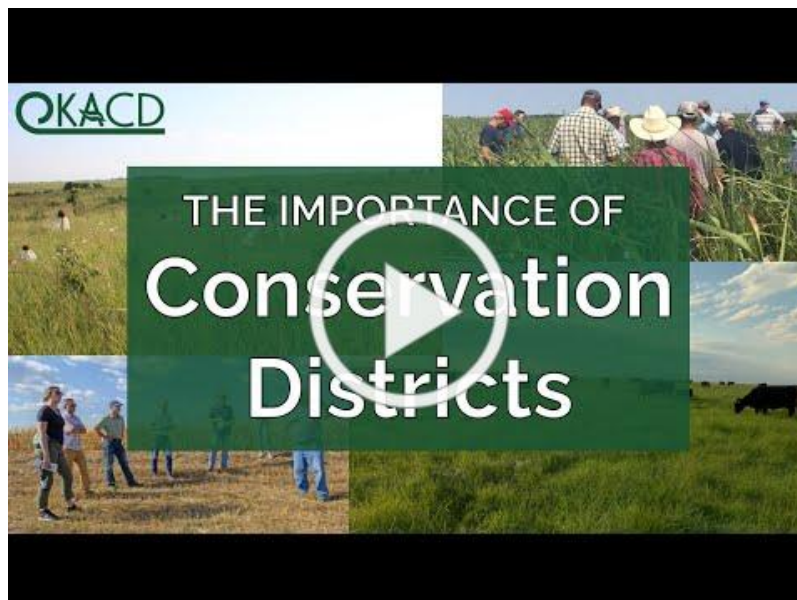
What are Conservation Districts?

What does your local conservation district provide? We have programs, resources, technical & financial assistance, and more located in all 105 Kansas counties!

Kansas Association of Conservation District's mission is to provide local leadership to protect and improve Kansas' natural resources through collaboration, education and implementation.

KACD wants to collaborate with all people, beyond farmers and ranchers, on improving and protecting our natural resources.

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Upcoming Conservation District Events

County Conservation District Annual Meetings:

- Interested in getting involved or learning more? [Attend a local annual meeting](#) this January/February!

Local Work Group Meetings:

- Wanting to provide input at the local level on priority natural resource concerns? [Attend a Local Work Group Meeting](#) in January/February/March and make a difference! The information you provide will be used to better prioritize conservation delivery at the local level.

Farmer-to-Farmer Soil Health Conversations:

- Join your neighbors for conversations about soil health. Contact your local conservation districts about times and locations.

Local Work Group Highlights

Do you want your voice to be heard with NRCS?

Local Work Groups (LWG) contribute at the local level to make change happen! The work completed in 2022 led to the following contributions:

- NRCS is working on providing financial assistance to install watering systems on cropland that utilizes grazing of cover crops.
- NRCS is looking to expand GPGI and adjust planning efforts for Grazing Lands Health in EQIP to further address woody plant invasion in Kansas grasslands.

In 2022, many resource concerns were discussed. Top concerns across the state in 2022 were soil health (crop adoption/expansion), active gully erosion (specifically ephemeral erosion) in cropland fields, cedar tree invasion associated with grazing lands, lack of or ability to utilize prescribed burning, concern with the lack of available water for livestock, amount of sediment and nutrient delivery to surface water supplies that are utilized for domestic purposes. Be sure to read the full report.

2022 LWG Report

78th Annual Convention Recap



In November, KACD hosted our 78th Annual Convention in Wichita! Watch the videos below for a recap of convention! The theme of convention this year was "Conserve Today to Preserve Tomorrow."

NASA's Involvement in Agriculture



At the 2022 Annual Convention for Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, NASA's Program Manager for Food Security and Agriculture Leadership, Bradley D. Doorn, PhD provided a presentation about NASA's involvement and focus on agriculture.

In August 2022, NASA Earth staffers and scientists took to the road of the "Space for Ag Roadshow and Listening Tour, <https://appliedsciences.nasa.gov/our-impact/story/space-ag-listening-roadshow> Brad would like for farmers or ranchers to become involved with NASA's connection of ground data and space data.

"We want to hear from farmers, from agriculture producers, what they need and then connect that to what data NASA can collect," stated Brad.

Brad would like for producers to reach out to him directly if they are interested in becoming involved.

Improving Soil Health

The Importance of Soil Health



Jimmy Emmons, Soil Health Mentoring Coordinator for Oklahoma Conservation Commission, shared his personal story and experience with improving his soil health. Jimmy was a 2017 Oklahoma Leopold Award winner. <https://youtu.be/FkOCsRLrXKI>

Jimmy also presented his current role with Rural Investment to Protect Our Environment (RIPE), <https://www.riperoadmap.org/>

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