

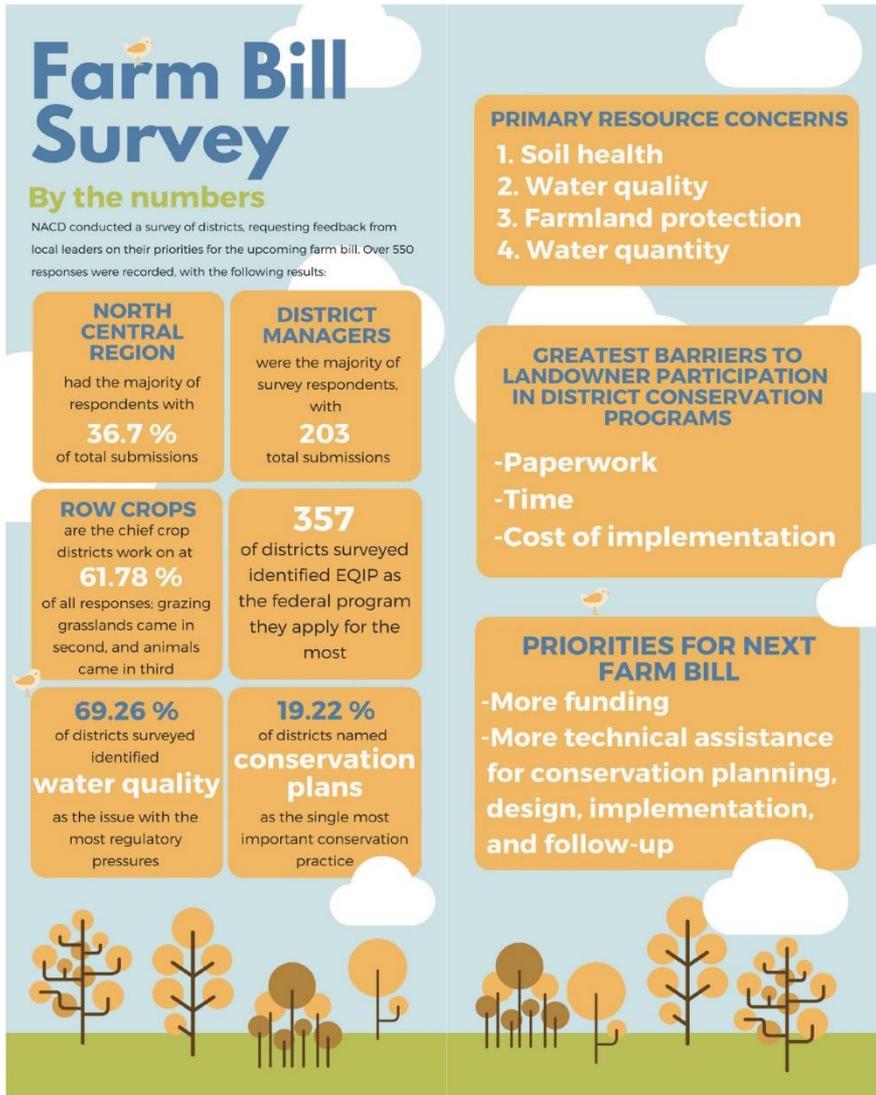
NACD: Your National Association Working For Nevada

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Who We Are

As the national voice for all conservation districts, NACD supports voluntary, incentive-driven natural resource conservation programs that benefit all citizens.

Government Affairs



- President Lee McDaniel testified this year before Congress;
- Meeting with and penning letters to lawmakers; and
- Submitting comments on regulations to a series of federal land management and regulatory agencies.
- Already engaging with incoming administration

Capitol Hill Update

Appropriations

- Congress passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) in September to fund the federal government through December 9, 2016
- Between now and then, Congress will need to figure out how to fund the government
- NACD has led a coalition of organizations asking for strong funding for conservation

SAM/DUNS

- Introduced in both the House in June by Rep. Kuster (D-NH) and Rep. Crawford (R-AR) and the Senate in September by Senator Klobuchar (D-MN) and Senator Boozman (R-AR)
- Currently making the rounds on the Hill to make sure Agriculture Committee members are aware of the issue

Wildfire

- Senators are pushing legislation to fix the “fire-borrowing” plaguing the federal budget
- Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing in June on draft legislation and Senators Crapo & Risch (ID) and Wyden (OR) introduced legislation in August.

Capitol Hill Update Continued

Wild Horses & Burros

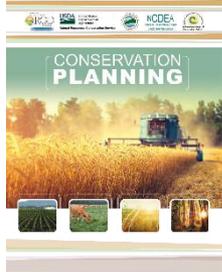
- NACD, along with several other organizations, continue to educate Congress on the issue.
- Callie Hendrickson, executive director of the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts in Colorado, testified before the House Subcommittee on Public Lands on June 22nd on the need for BLM action.

NACD submitted comments this fall

- on:** (1) an IRS proposed estate tax change that could increase tax liabilities for farm families,
- (2) NRCS' final rule on ACEP, a farm bill conservation program,
- (3) a proposed Fish and Wildlife Service ESA rule, and
- (4) an EPA-USGS technical report that expanded CWA authorities.

National Conservation Planning Partnership

- Three overarching objectives for this initiative are:
- Reinvigorate conservation planning
 - Improve capacity of conservation partnership to deliver conservation planning assistance
 - Ensure Science-based Assistance



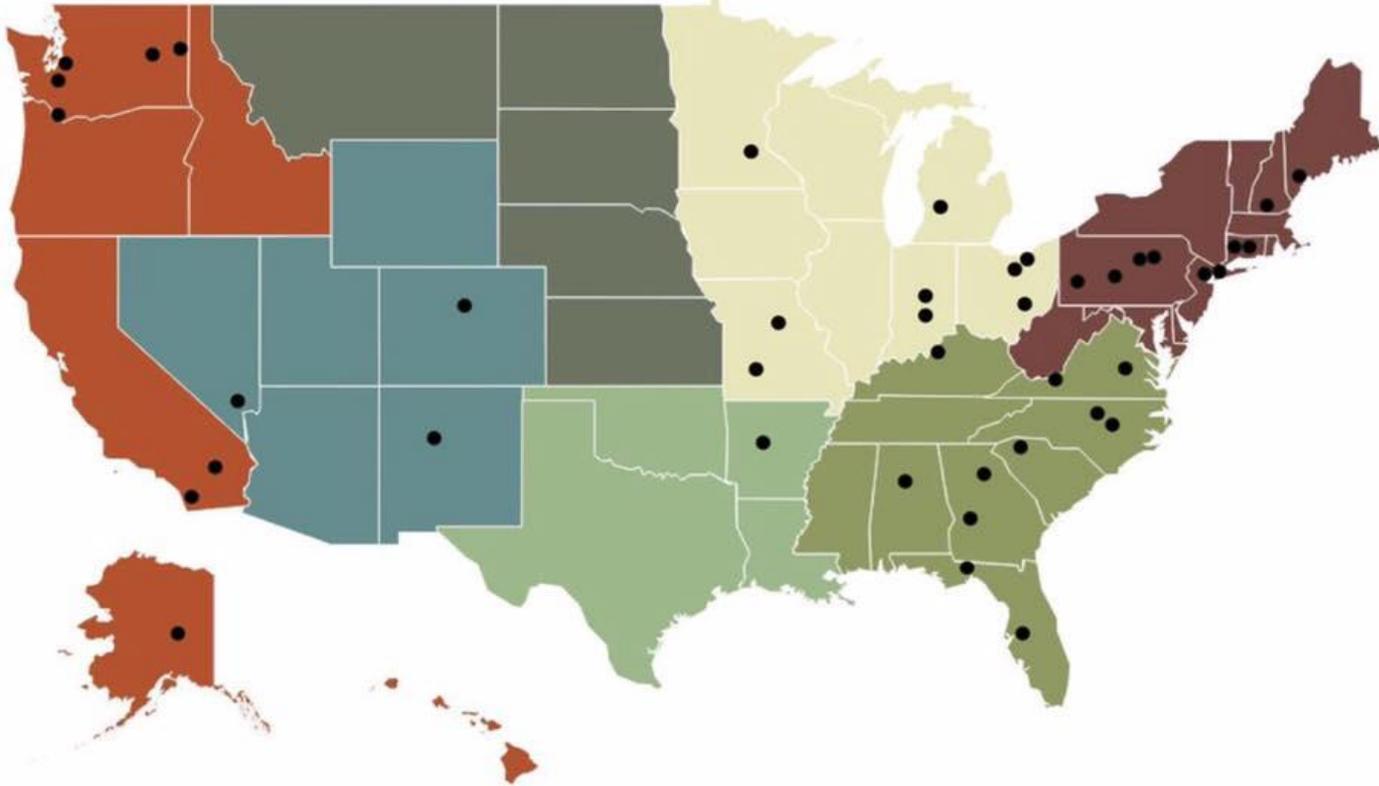
Conservation Bootcamp

- Opportunity for conservation district employees to attend bootcamp in Lincoln, NE alongside NRCS employees.
- To date, nearly 70 district employees have participated in bootcamp
- NACD has signed a new 5-year bootcamp agreement



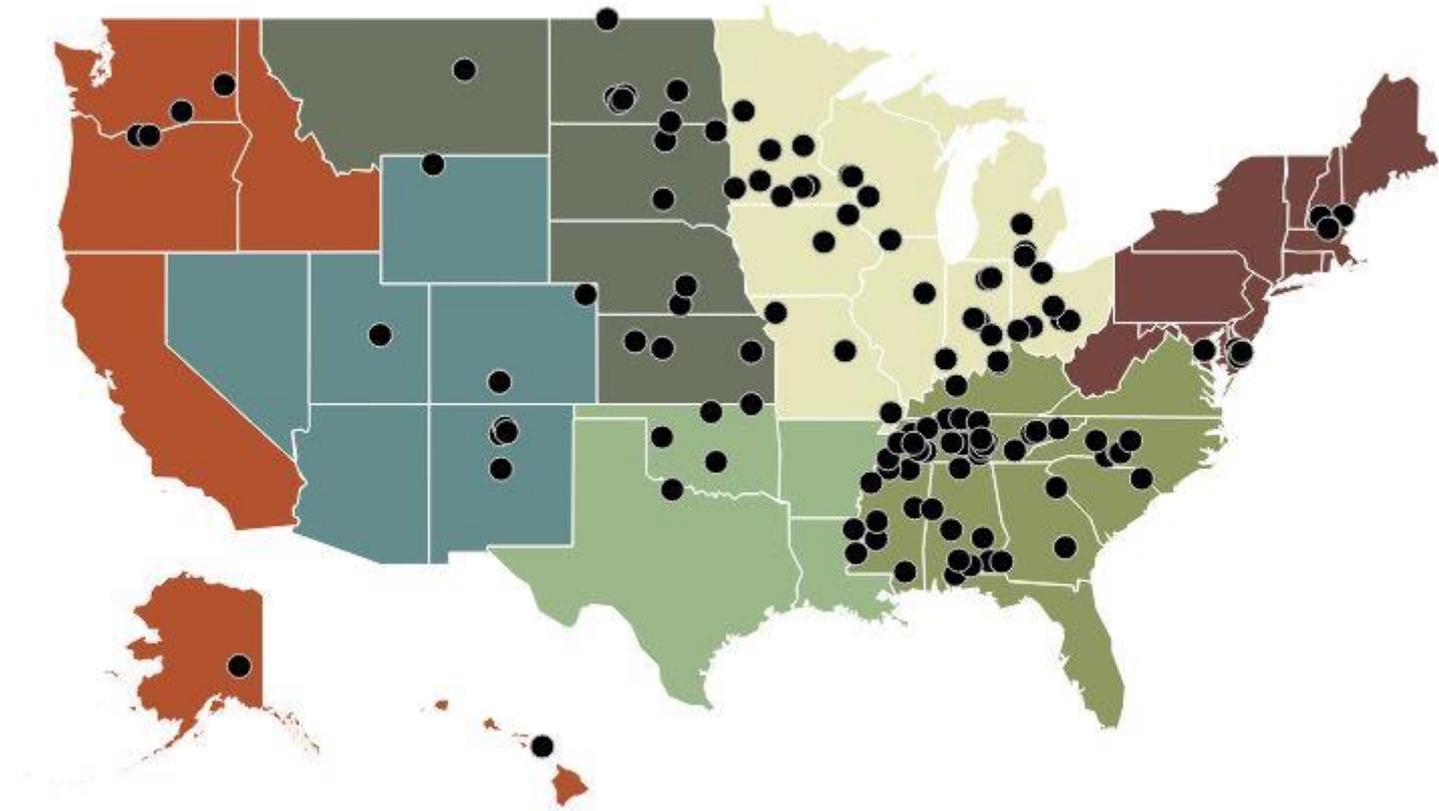
2016 Urban Agriculture Grants

- Competitive RFP Issued May 12
- Provided 42 grants to conservation districts to build technical capacity support in community agricultural conservation initiatives
- Maximum \$50,000 grant award
- Congratulations to the **Conservation District of Southern Nevada!**



Soil Health Champions Network

- In March 2015, NACD launched the Soil Health Champions Network
- Over 150 farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners who use soil health practices in their operations and promote soil health within their communities



Communications

Weekly Publications:

- eResource
- Conservation Clip List
- NACD Blog

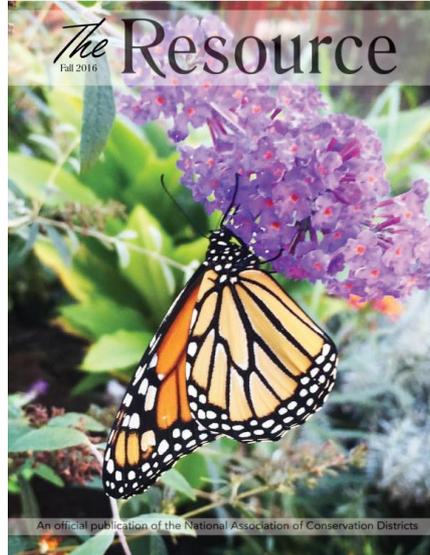
Monthly Publications:

- Forestry Notes
- Did You Know

Quarterly Publication:

- The Resource

+ Press Releases, Media Advisories, Radio and Print Interviews, One-Pagers, Issue Papers, Special Reports, Brochures, Branding, Social Media, and more.



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[Can Birth Control Save Our Wild Horses?](#) via National Geographic

With euthanasia and sterilization ruled out, the government is banking on contraceptive vaccines to manage the booming population. Horse birth control is a key strategy to better manage wild horses on rangelands throughout the western U.S. Descended from domesticated animals that escaped or were released from captivity, wild horses are technically "feral"—the term used to describe the offspring of any domesticated species that people no longer tend.

[Which states have most land in CRP?](#) via Great Falls Tribune

On Oct. 28, the U.S. Department of Agriculture released details of the nearly \$1.7 billion in Conservation Reserve Program payments made to more than half of a million U.S. property owners in 2016. The 2008 farm bill reauthorized the CRP, but Congress set a downward trend to the program, capping maximum enrolled acreages at 32 million. That cap is scheduled to decline to 24 million acres by 2018.

[President Obama Establishes 17th Wildlife Refuge of his Presidency](#) via The Heartland Institute

Despite chronic under-funding and a \$3.3 billion maintenance and operations backlog on existing federal



Stewardship and Education

Photo and Poster Contests

NACD, in partnership with the NACD Auxiliary, hosts national photo and poster contests every year, giving students (and adults!) the opportunity to demonstrate their artistic skills and dedication to conservation.

Students K-12 are asked to submit posters that represent NACD's annual stewardship theme. The NACD Stewardship and Education Committee choose "Healthy Soils are Full of Life!" as the theme for 2017's National Stewardship Week.

Marketplace

Printable educational materials and other items – including customizable plaques, awards, service pins, and wearable items – are available for sale at NACD's Marketplace.



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Headline Speakers Include:

- Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper
- United States Air Force Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson (invited)
- American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall
- “Unbranded” Documentary Filmmaker Ben Masters
- And many more speakers being confirmed daily!

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Early-bird registration ends
December 16

Sheraton Denver Downtown
-\$169/night

Multiple transportation options
between downtown and airport

Thank You!

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