

Local Work Group Meeting May 18th

A Local Work Group (LWG) meeting for Brown, Jackson, and Nemaha Counties will be held on Wednesday, May 18th, at the Seneca USDA Service Center, 411 North Street, Seneca, Kansas. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. LWGs are important because they provide recommendations on local and state natural resource priorities and criteria for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) conservation activities and programs to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Kansas Technical Committee (KTC). The responsibilities of the LWGs are identified in the USDA Conservation program Delivery manual. The LWGs recommendations will be reviewed by the KTC for submittal to USDA agencies to:

- 1) Ensure that a conservation needs assessment to identify priority resource concerns is developed using community stakeholders.
- 2) Make recommendations on the USDA conservation program application and funding criteria, eligible conservation practices, and payment rates.
- 3) Assist the NRCS and Conservation Districts (CD) with public outreach and information efforts, and identify educational and producers training needs.

For more information about LWGs, or to become a member, contact your local NRCS or CD staff at your local USDA Service Center. USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.