

## NRCS Announces Monarch Butterfly Habitat Application Cutoff

Troy J. Munsch, Acting State Conservationist, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced funding to help landowners improve, restore, manage, and conserve habitat for Monarch Butterflies on agricultural and Tribal lands. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) has joined NRCS in a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to offer financial assistance to help agricultural producers increase milkweed and monarch nectaring plants on agricultural land to improve habitat needs for Monarch Butterflies.

"This is a great opportunity for us to work together," said Munsch. "Monarch Butterflies are an important element in the pollination of crops and other types of plants."

NRCS is providing funding through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP). There will be a fiscal year 2020 CStP application evaluation period for this RCPP project. The application evaluation period will be for applications received by **May 29, 2020**.

Targeted areas where CStP funds will be available for agricultural producers interested in implementing conservation practices include all counties in Kansas. Funding will go toward conservation improvement practices such as milkweed plantings, pollinator plantings, brush management, prescribed grazing, as well as others.



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