

Assistant Manager's Report

October 19, 2026

Harvest is in full swing and fall feels like it may eventually arrive despite the warmer temperatures over the past month. The drought monitor has removed nearly all drought from Tri-Basin NRD thanks to September ending with a very wet spell. Hopefully work continues at a brisk pace and everyone has a safe and bountiful harvest!

October is our busy season at the NRD. Pat and Jeff have been very efficient in their static water measurements. Thankfully the weather allowed them to spend full days out in the field taking measurements and work through the district in quick fashion. We still have a small handful of 'clean up' to do, but generally we're on to the next task!

Thankfully, Pat and Jeff required very little of my time for static water because I've been busy with office work. With the absence of an Administrative Secretary, I've been helping to take care of bills & invoices while also doing some clerical work to make sure accounts are being taken care of. However, our temporary accountant from KSO who has been coming to the office once per week has pointed out several things I could do better. Rest assured, I have no belief that I would be any good with bookkeeping! I think both John and I are looking forward to beginning interviews soon!

I made it out to Husker Harvest Days and spent some time chatting with various producers and agencies. This is the first time I have gone for the third and final day of the show. It was much quieter and slower paced than my typical experience on day two with FFA kids invading the showgrounds. The big announcement from Husker Harvest Days was the public announcement of the ONE RED program from the Governor. DWEE staff were available to take questions and provide information as signups begin.

Speaking of ONE RED, tomorrow I will be at Central Platte NRD tomorrow for training on the program. DWEE staff will be traveling the state in the coming month(s) for training to get NRD staff up to speed on all the details related to the program. I look forward to being better educated on the program!

Finally, the NARD Fall Conference was held in Kearney last month. As always, good information was shared with presentations. Several resolutions made it through the business session, which were discussed at our last board meeting.

With that, I'll wrap up my report. Don't forget we'll be holding an evening board meeting on the 28th at 7:30.