

At the 2009 Husker Harvest Days (HHD) event in Grand Island Sept. 15-17, farmers and ranchers will have an opportunity to learn how soil and water conservation programs improve their operations financially and also preserve the land and water for future generations.

The Natural Resources Tent at Husker Harvest Days is once again loaded with conservation agencies willing to explain voluntary conservation and cost-share programs available to landowners.

“Husker Harvest Days is a great place to learn about new technology in agriculture. The Natural Resources Tent provides one place for cooperators to stop in and see what new ideas and projects are coming in the near future”, said Heather Francis, Conservation & Information Specialist at the Upper Republican NRD in Imperial.

At HHD, NARD partners with other agencies to create a true “one-stop shop” for natural resource questions and answers. Other agencies expected to exhibit in the Resources Tent include the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, the Nebraska National Forest Service, Nebraska Health and Human Services, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, Nebraska Corn Growers, Nebraska Dept of Environmental Quality, Bureau of Reclamation, Nebraska RC&D Association, the Nebraska Forest Service and representatives of Nebraska’s 23 Natural Resource Districts.

At the tent, landowners will find information on various cost-share programs available and ways they can implement their own projects.

NRDs partner with Health and Human Services on nitrate testing kits. Bring a water sample to the Resources Tent and get your water tested for free at the Health and Human Services booth.

Information in the tent will focus on the NRDs programs that protect lives, property and the future including a variety of tree and conservation incentive programs available to help landowners make wise use of valuable resources.

Stop by the tent to visit with NRD staff about program available in your district and pick up a free Colorado Blue Spruce tree seedling.

The Upper Republican NRD helps landowners plant more than 26,000 trees each year in the Upper Republican NRD.

“Stop by the Natural Resources Tent this year to find out what Upper Republican NRD is doing to protect lives, property, and the future,” said Francis.