

## **BUFFER STRIPS**

A Partnership with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture providing strips of grass and/or trees that slow water runoff, trap sediment and enhance water infiltration in the buffer itself. They also trap fertilizers, pesticides, bacteria, pathogens and heavy metals, minimizing the chances of these potential pollutants reaching surface or groundwater sources.

Land adjacent to streams or permanent bodies of water, or existing filter strips established since January 1, 1996, are eligible.

This is a land rental program and does not include installation cost share dollars.

Contracts are 5 to 10 years in length.

*Dryland* cropland **not enrolled** in the CRP, will rent for 120% of the CRP soils rate, plus five dollars for maintenance, not to exceed \$150 per acre from all sources.

*Dryland* cropland **enrolled** in the Continuous CRP will receive 20% of the CRP soil rental rate, not to exceed \$150 per acre.

**Irrigated cropland**, whether enrolled in the CRP and/or any other program, shall equal the CRP soil rental rate multiplied by a land rental factor. Payments can not exceed \$150 per acre.

There is a one-acre minimum.

Specific widths for either practice will follow NRCS standards.

These contracts are renewable.