

WSF 2024 Final Report # 5209

PROJECT: LLNRD Cover Crop Water Use Study–
WSF Application #5209 (awarded December 18, 2018)

DATE: JANUARY 5, 2024
(FINAL REPORT)

See Application 5209 Table D #1 For Project Tasks Summary and Timeline

PROJECT PROGRESS MARCH 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023 (END OF PROJECT):

- ✓ June 2023 - Worked with EA and CPNRD to finalize Cover Crop Impact Report
- ✓ August 2023
 - Final Report and findings presented to LLNRD Board of Directors
- ✓ September 2023–
 - EA and LLNRD presented Final Report and findings at NRDs Annual Fall Conference held in Kearney, NE
 - EA presented Final Report findings to CPNRD Board of Directors
- ✓ September and October 2023 –
 - Had follow-up conversations with:
 - Keith Burns of Green Cover Seed
 - Also discussed findings with UNL, NARD, and members of the South Loup Watershed Stakeholder group.
- ✓ November 2023 – Met with participating producers to thank them for their cooperation and to present Final Report and findings
- ✓ December 2023 – Finalized Financial Report including table with total in-kind hours for the life of the project.

ANTICIPATED CASH FLOW FOR REMAINDER OF THE PROJECT:

\$0 - The LLNRD and Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) have met its funding obligations towards this project (\$420,000 total project costs) under grant award #5209.

LIKELIHOOD THAT BENEFITS PROJECTED IN APPLICATION 5209 WILL BE REALIZED:

- ✓ The Project Tasks have been completed as scheduled. Based on previous experience with working through the WSF, provided by the LLNRD and CPNRD, the project achieved all benefits described in the original application.
- ✓ During the presentation at the NARD Fall Conference, there was abundant discussion regarding the repeatability and results amongst a wide array of attendees. Several entities across the State expressed interest of continuing the Cover Crop impact analysis with slight tweaks to the project outline.