

Monarch Butterfly Habitat RCPP Funding Application Cutoff

Karen A. Woodrich, Kansas State Conservationist for the 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 and other partners, have 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 the habitat needs for monarch butterflies according to Woodrich.

NRCS is providing funding through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). There will be a fiscal year 2019 CSP application evaluation period for this RCPP project. The application evaluation period will be for applications received by **July 26, 2019**.

Targeted areas where CSP 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.

For more information, go to the Kansas NRCS website www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs or visit your local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center. To find a service center near you, go to offices.usda.gov.