

# NSWCP NC-12 Agreement Fact Sheet

## NSWCP Approval

- **No** work can be done until the agreement is officially approved by the MNNRD.
- Project **MUST** be completed by **June 1<sup>st</sup>** of the year the windbreak was planted; **FAILURE** to do so **WILL** result in cancellation of cost share money (includes fencing, planting trees, laying of fabric, and any other items included the NSWCP project).

## Fencing

- Once the NSWCP agreement is approved fencing can begin (recommend fencing before tree planting, preferable in the fall). Note: Leaving ends open will be helpful
- NRCS regulations **MUST** be followed when constructing the fence (regulations will be provided).
- Keep **ALL** receipts for the fence built (receipts are used to calculate that years average cost of fence construction).

## Site Preparation

- The tree site **WILL** be mowed off as short as possible and all trash removed (baled, burned, etc) in the spring prior to planting. Chemical applications may also be done. This **WILL** be the responsibility of the landowner participating in the agreement.

## Tree Planting

- Either Middle Niobrara NRD, Landowner, Private Contractor can plant the trees as long as NRCS specs are followed.
- NRCS specs **MUST** be followed when planting the trees (specs are available on request).
- Planting should occur as early as possible to take advantage of the longer growing season (April 1<sup>st</sup>).

## Post Planting Maintenance

- Competing vegetation in row **WILL** be controlled for at least three years following planting. Conservation fabric can be used and is recommended for in row weed control. If conservation fabric is not used mechanical methods (mowing) **WILL** be done.
- Weed control **MUST** provide a 2-3 foot competition free zone around all trees.
- Mowing between rows at least two times during the growing season (once in the late spring early summer and once again early fall) is highly recommended.
- Gopher control **WILL** be done if gophers are present and/or become a problem. Trapping, poisoning, and/or other means are commonly used.
- Any problems or signs of death by insects, disease, or animal damage contact the NRD as soon as possible.

## Replants

- Landowner is **required** to replant death loss and maintain the windbreak for the life of the contract (10years).
- NSWCP allows 50% cost share on replants for two years following planting (minimal order of 125 trees to be eligible).

Landowner **MUST** maintain planting site to insure at least **75% seeding survival** after the third growing season. Seedlings need to be well distributed and maintain throughout the life (10years) of the NSWCP agreement.

◆ ANY VIOLATIONS OF THE NSWCP AGREEMENT **WILL** RESULT IN THE LANDOWNER RETURNING ◆  
◆ ALL OR PARTIAL PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE NEBRASKA DNR AND THE MNNRD ◆

The NSWCP planting will be monitored annually by the MNNRD through a status review process. You will be notified by letter or phone when this will take place and given the opportunity to attend (these usually occur in late summer/early fall).

Landowner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_