



ANNUAL REPORT

Soil and Water Conservation is essential to the preservation of our environment.

The District's success is a result of the efforts of the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Farm Service Agency, the Extension Service, the Department of Natural Resources, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Steele County Commissioners, and the landowners of Steele County.

Steele County Conservation Program Funding

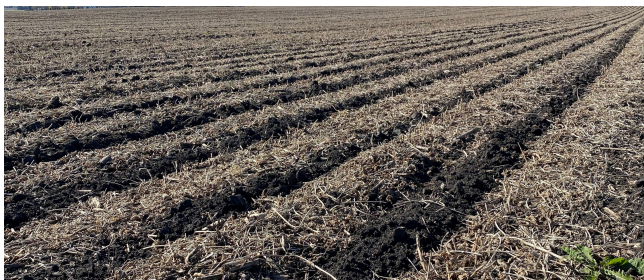
Programs	Participants	Dollars Paid
CRP	950	\$2,700,000.00
EQIP	8	\$98,466.00
CSP	9	\$36,000.00
RIM/CREP	3	\$1,362,597.00
State Cost Share	13	\$65,340.00
Cannon 1W1P	4	\$13,716.00
Total	987	\$4,276,119.00



Steele SWCD No-till/Strip till and Cover Crop Programs

Steele County SWCD runs both a No-till/Strip Till and a Cover Crop program utilizing grant funds received through the Board of Water and Soil Resources. In 2024 \$53,800 were distributed to enrolled landowners to assist in the implementation of these practices.

Reduced tillage practices were implemented on 728 acres and cover crops were applied to 560 acres in Steele County.



Strip Till Field in Steele County



Steele County Cover Crops

Wetland Conservation Act

The District, in Cooperation with Steele County, administers the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act for the County and all of the cities within the County. The 2024 WCA report reflects that 80 separate landowners were assisted with wetland related issues. During the year 16 potential violations were addressed, 4 restoration orders were issued and 12 joint applications had decisions finalized.

