

## **Bishop promoted to state range position**

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Nadine L. Bishop, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist for the Upper Republican Natural Resources District, will be moving on to greener pastures as of Monday, June 18. Bishop recently accepted a new position as the NRCS State Range Management Specialist. She will still be located in the USDA Service Center in Imperial, but will be taking on new responsibilities throughout the state rather than working with local landowners.

Bishop graduated from Fort Hays State University in 1977 with a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences and a Masters Degree in Biological Sciences in 1981. She began her NRCS career in June 1980, starting as a Range Conservationist in McCook before transferring to the Ainsworth Field Office. Since then, she has worked as a District Conservationist in Trenton and Hayes Center before ultimately moving to Imperial in July 1991. While in Imperial, she has been responsible for all conservation efforts in the Upper Republican District and has trained and worked with more than 25 employees.

As the State Range Management Specialist, some of Bishop's duties will include working with state-wide partners on rangeland issues, training NRCS employees, and developing rangeland policies for the NRCS in Nebraska. Her main goals are to increase NRCS employees' knowledge of ecological site descriptions and grazing management practices and to work with partners to achieve mutual range management objectives.

There will be an open house at the Imperial NRCS office on Thursday, June 28 from 1-3 p.m. The public is invited to wish Nadine well in her new endeavor and enjoy some refreshments.