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**NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT – AWEP Retirement Acres**

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This is the Natural Resources Report...

February 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the Agriculture Water Enhancement Program or AWEP sign up. AWEP is a NRCS voluntary Environmental Quality Incentive Program available to irrigators in the Middle Republican NRD.

Under AWEP, the NRCS, together with contributions from the Middle Republican NRD, will pay up to \$1,000.00 per acre for the permanent retirement of irrigated acres that have been irrigated 2 out of the past 5 years. There is a maximum enrollment of 160 acres allowed per applicant. The payment will be spread out over five years. While these acres may not be irrigated again once they are retired, they may be used for pasture, hay or dry land farming or any other agricultural purposes allowed by zoning.

Interested individuals should contact their local NRCS office for more information and for sign up.

Thank you for listening. This is Roger Lawson, keeping you informed about your natural resources. Protecting Lives, Protecting Property, Protecting the Future.