

## NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT - KRVN

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My name is Marcia Lee of the Central Platte Natural Resources District in Grand Island Nebraska, and this is.. the Natural Resources Report.

Groundwater Management is a primary responsibility here in Central Nebraska. The Central Platte NRD started its Groundwater Management Program in 1988 to help reduce nitrate levels in the District. Prior to the management program, nitrate levels were as high as 19 parts per million, with 10 parts per million considered to be a safe level. The program *has* helped with average nitrate levels measuring 14 parts per million last year. Although they remain high, they have been significantly reduced and continue to drop with the good management practices implemented by the landowners in our District. On the same note, I'd like to take this time to remind those landowners in Phase II and Phase III to take your water samples for spring forms.

Another aspect of the program is reading gallons per minute. This year, we're expanding our readings to include wells that have not been read in the past. Landowners are not required to be present during the reading and will not be contacted. There is no cost to landowners, however; if the NRD is not allowed to read your well then you will be required to purchase a flow meter so that you have some form of measurement. If you do not want the NRD to read your wells, please contact us at (308) 385-6282, that's (308) 385-6282.

Thank you for listening. This is Marcia Lee, keeping you informed about your natural resources and the way NRDs protect lives, protect property and protect the future.

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