The chart above and to the left show the NARD insurance premium increase compared with the national average increase. The chart above and to the right shows the actual NARD insurance premium increase compared with the national annual averages have been between 10.7 and 12.1%. NRD employees involvement in wellness activities and programs reduces health care cost to local NRDs and taxpayers.
The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts’ Foundation was established as a way to support students with a desire to enter the field of natural resources. In 2010 over $15,000 dollars were raised for the NARD Foundation to support youth education and programs where young people can learn more about natural resources. Funds were raised through a variety of activities including a live and silent auction at the Annual Conference. The NARD Foundation supports the following programs:

- The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute is a weekend conference held each July where juniors and seniors in high school gather to learn more about agriculture and natural resources in Nebraska.
- Co-sponsored a Nebraska college student with Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation for Ag Day on the Hill. The Nebraska representative spent National Ag Day in Washington D.C. learning about agriculture and natural resource issues.
- Sponsored three awards at the 54th Annual State FFA Convention held in Lincoln in early April. The three award areas were Outdoor-Recursion Professorcy, Natural Resources Chapter Award, and the Environmental and Natural Resources Management Career Development Event (CDE).

NRD Tree Program

In 2011 the NARD’s Tree Program made some new strides in several areas including partnership development, education and networking. Approximately 1.22 million tree and shrub seedlings were sold across Nebraska in 2011. Of this number, over 19,000 tree seedlings purchased from the Nebraska NRCS. The Nebraska NRCS enable NRDs to fulfill a large number of conservation planning, conservation practices across Nebraska. The NARD’s ongoing agreements with NRDs and NRCS work together to accomplish common goals and establish natural resource conservation practices on the ground.

NRDS and NRCS Work Together

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Information and Education

The Nebraska Department of Education receives special recognition for its work in conservation education. The Nebraska Envirothon, a competition for grades 9-12, is the highest level of natural resource education competition for young people in the United States. The State competition was held May 6th at the Trail West YMCA near Scottsbluff. Students from across the state participated in five-member teams, and competed against 14 other Nebraska high school teams. Nebraska placed 15th out of 54 teams at the Canon Envirothon Contest in New Brunswick, Canada which is the best Nebraska has placed while competing in Envirothon.

NRD Executive Board

The NARD executive committee consists of the NARD board officers and the chairs of the Information and Education and Legislative committee. The NARD board consists of representatives from each of the local 23 NRDs. The board members meet five times throughout the year and help guide the association.

Joe Andraeksa from the Middle Republican NRD serves as vice president. Andraeksa has served on the Middle Republican NRD board for nine years, on the NARD board for seven years’ and previously held the secretary/treasurer position. Andraeksa is a member of the Hays Center school board.

NRD executive committee members, along with the president and vice president, include: Jerry Martin from Upper Republican NRD, the NARD secretary/treasurer; Jim Meismer from Twin Platte NRD, chair of the legislative committee; and Jim Johnson from South Platte NRD, chair of the information and education committee.

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