

KNOW YOUR NRD

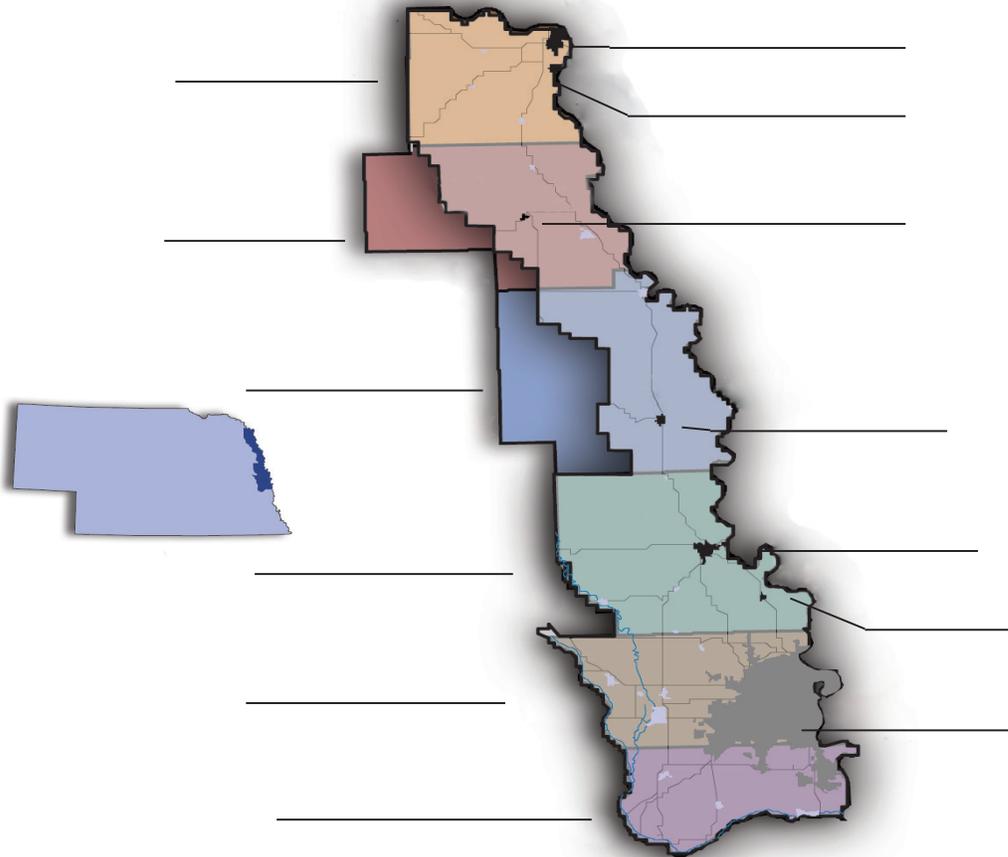


Papio-Missouri River
Natural Resources District
Omaha, NE
Finding solutions today for a secure tomorrow

KIDS Fact Sheets

6th grade

Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District



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- Blair
- Burt County
- Dakota City
- Dakota County
- Douglas County
- Fort Calhoun
- Metro Omaha
- Sarpy County
- South Sioux City
- Tekamah
- Thurston County
- Walthill
- Washington County

Where are you??
Circle where you live in the
Papio-Missouri River NRD.

NRD Quick Facts

THE MISSION of the Papio-Missouri River NRD is to wisely Conserve, Manage and Enhance our Soil, Water, Wildlife and Forest Resources for the benefit of all citizens of the District.

The Papio-Missouri River NRD serves approximately 625,000 people and 1,790 square miles of land!!

Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts were created by the Legislature in 1972.

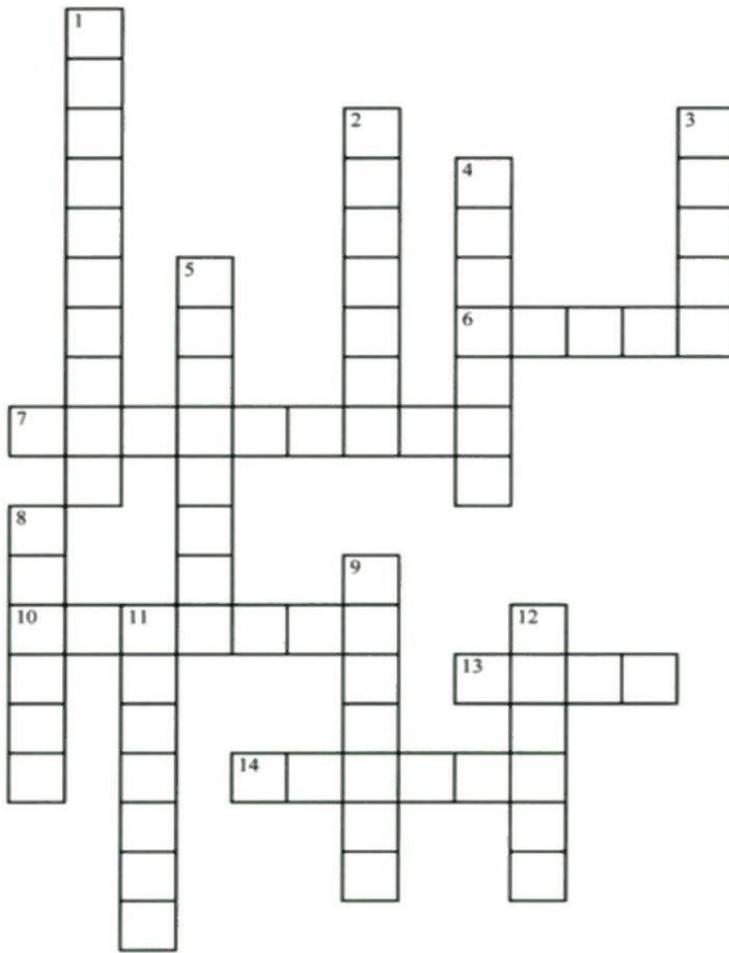
No other state has a system for managing natural resources identical to our NRDs!

Nebraska State Symbols:

- State Tree: _____
- State Flower: _____
- State Grass: _____
- State River: _____
- State Bird: _____
- State Mammal: _____
- State Fish: _____
- State Insect: _____

Can YOU think of a word or phrase that is related to Nebraska for each letter of the alphabet?

All About Soil!



ACROSS

- 6. These are made of minerals.
- 7. Another name for nonliving material.
- 10. Most productive soil layer.
- 13. Running water carries away some of the _____ as it travels down the slope of land.
- 14. These help prevent the soil from being washed away.

DOWN

- 1. The constant breaking down of the exposed surfaces of rocks.
- 2. The wearing away of loose material along the surface.
- 3. Dead organic matter found in soil.
- 4. Another word for the parent rock.
- 5. A series of steps formed in the land to block runoff.
- 8. Type of farming where you plant seeds without plowing.
- 9. This is the most important factor affecting the soil. (clue: environmental forces)
- 11. Most of the "Corn Belt" is made of this naturally fertile and very productive soil type.
- 12. Remains or evidence of any organism from the past.

Cool Facts!!

It takes more than 500 years to form 1 inch of topsoil.

Soil scientists have identified over 70,000 kinds of soil in the United States.

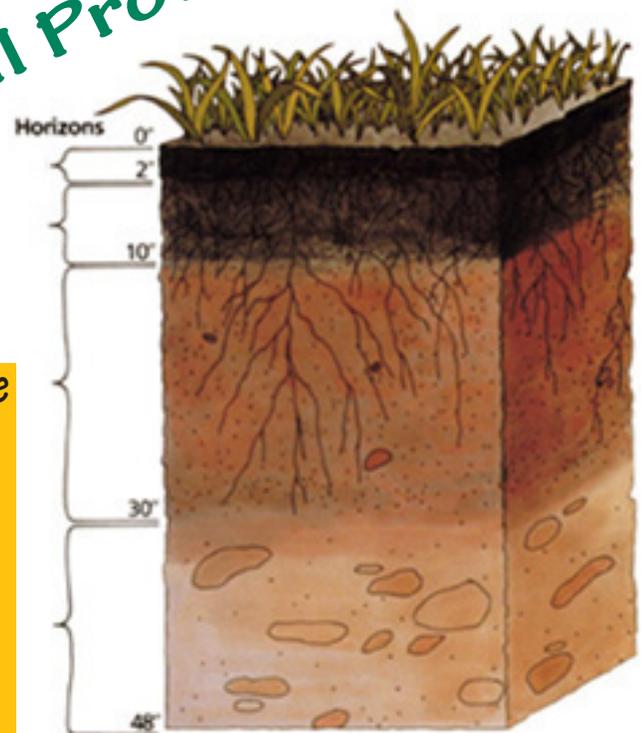
According to the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, about four billion tons of topsoil in the United States is lost each year!

Why do plants potted in an outdoor planter dry out quickly?

What could you do to prevent this?

Take a walk around your neighborhood. Can you find examples of erosion? What can you do to slow this down?

Soil Profile



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