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IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE

NRD 2012 TREE PROGRAM

The Lower Big Blue NRD is accepting orders for trees to be planted in the spring of 2012. The last day to place tree orders is March 2, 2012. These low-cost seedling trees are made available for the planting of farm and livestock windbreaks, wildlife habitat, living snow fences, and other multipurpose plantings.

The cost of trees is \$21.25 per 25 trees, with payment due upon placement of the tree order. Hand-plant orders will be charged an additional \$2.20 for packaging and handling. Orders must be in multiples of 25 per species.

The NRD provides tilling and planting services for those landowners who have 200 or more trees to plant. The cost for tilling is \$30/tractor hour, with a minimum charge of \$60. The cost of planting is \$200 per 200 trees. The district does not spray for weed control.

The NRD is offering 41 hardwoods and shrubs, and 9 evergreens this year. Some species of trees are in short supply, so it is important to place your order as soon as possible. The district also has tree protectors and weed barrier squares for sale.

Remember, the best time to plant a windbreak was 20 years ago - - the next best time to begin is today. Contact your local NRCS office in Beatrice 402-223-3125, Wilber 402- 821-3292, Fairbury 402-729-6134, or Pawnee City at 402-852-2020 or contact the Lower Big Blue NRD 402-228-3402.