

Governor's Water Quality and Quantity Task Force Meeting

March 25, 2026

Background

- Made up of 20 members representing diverse range of expertise.
- Through four subcommittees, members worked to develop actionable solutions to protect and preserve Nebraska's vital water resources for consideration by the Governor.
- Members participated in monthly discussions and received presentations from subject-matter experts, allowing them to develop a shared understanding of the issues and identify goals and corresponding action items.
- The Task Force prioritized proactive solutions including incentives, innovation, and education over new regulatory requirements.

Four Subcommittees

1. Methods and Resources
2. Water Conservation and Quantity
3. Financing and Incentives
4. Nitrate Legacy and Drinking Water Access

Date	Meeting Type
June 2, 2025	Full Task Force
July 14, 2025	Nitrate Legacy and Drinking Water Access
July 16, 2025	Methods and Resources
July 16, 2025	Water Conservation and Quantity
July 21, 2025	Financing and Incentives
Aug. 20, 2025	Nitrate Legacy and Drinking Water Access
Aug. 21, 2025	Water Conservation and Quantity
Aug. 21, 2025	Methods and Resources
Aug. 22, 2025	Financing and Incentives
Sept. 24, 2025	Full Task Force
Oct. 21, 2025 (Virtual)	Water Conservation and Quantity
Oct. 22, 2025 (Virtual)	Methods and Resources
Oct. 23, 2025 (Virtual)	Nitrate Legacy and Drinking Water Access
Oct. 23, 2025 (Virtual)	Financing and Incentives
Nov. 13, 2025	Financing and Incentives
Nov. 13, 2025	Methods and Resources
Nov. 19, 2025	Water Conservation and Quantity
Nov. 21, 2025	Nitrate Legacy and Drinking Water Access
Dec. 16, 2025	Full Task Force
March 25, 2026	Full Task Force

Key Recommendations

- Increased statewide water measurement through voluntary efforts and cost-share opportunities
- Development of statewide education materials and increased individual engagements with producers
- Development of a nitrogen management education and certification program for fertilizer recommendations

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- Promotion of in-season nitrate applications and advanced nitrogen-management technologies
- Proactive drinking water system protections and identification of regionalization opportunities

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- Development of a statewide clearing house identifying water project needs and funding opportunities
- Leverage diverse funding mechanisms, including ONE RED

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- Designing a practical, *farmer-first* program that safeguards data and positions Nebraska as a national leader in advancing transparent verifiable data solutions.
- Building on the strengths of Nebraska agriculture by supporting voluntary producer-led efforts in partnership with NRDs and other industries.
- Support Implementation of incentive and education programs recommended by the Task Force.



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Three-Pronged Approach

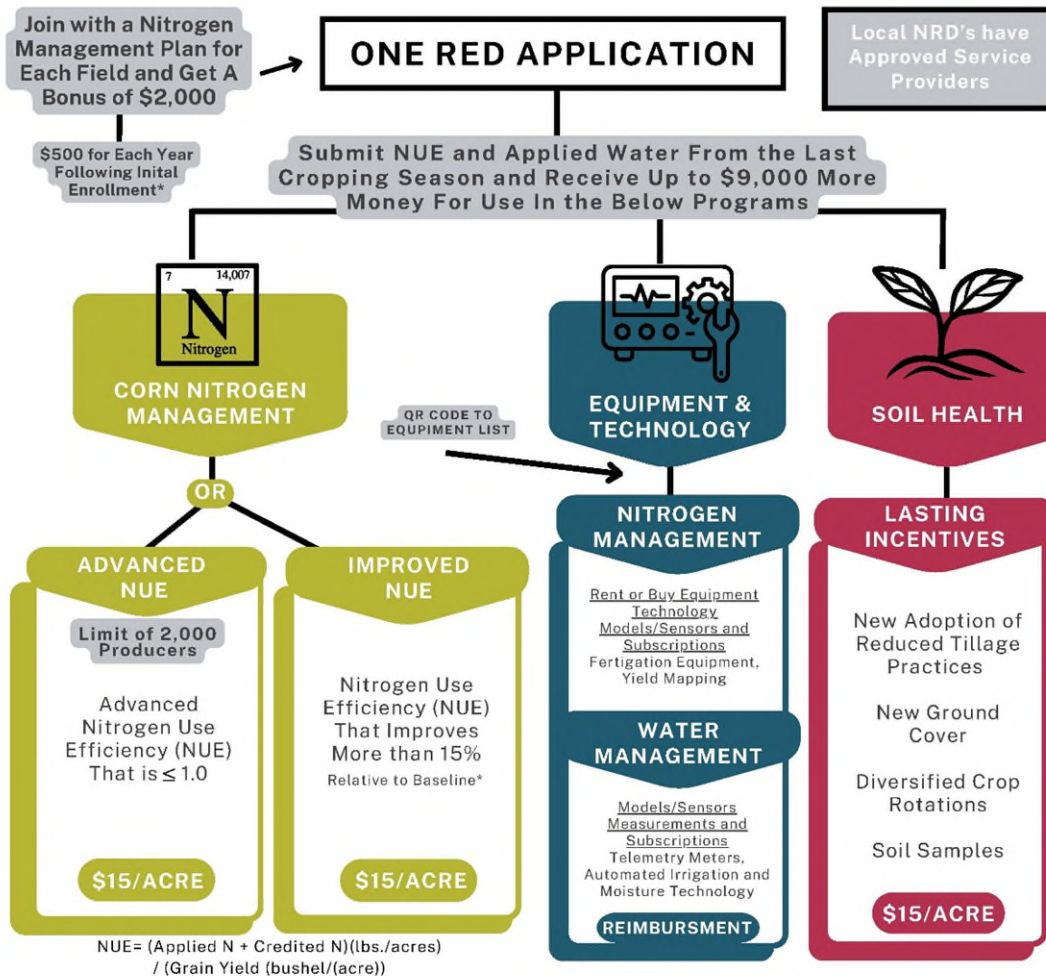
Data Bank

Regenerative Agriculture

Precision Agriculture

ONE RED DATA BANK

Supporting Innovation & Education



$$NUE = \frac{\text{Applied N} + \text{Credited N} (\text{lbs./acres})}{\text{Grain Yield} (\text{bushel}/(\text{acre}))}$$

Acres Limit of 540 Per Operation with Minimum of 80 Irrigated Acres

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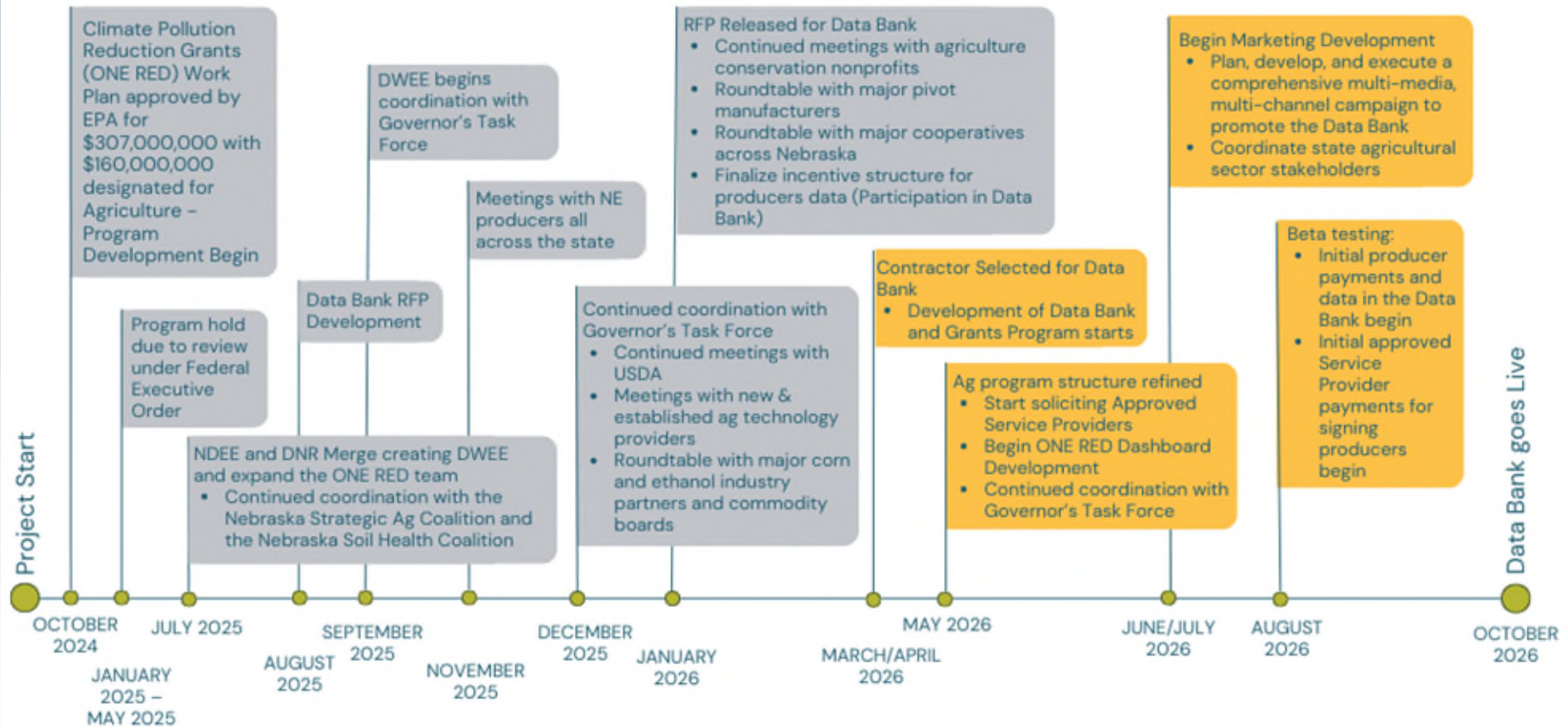
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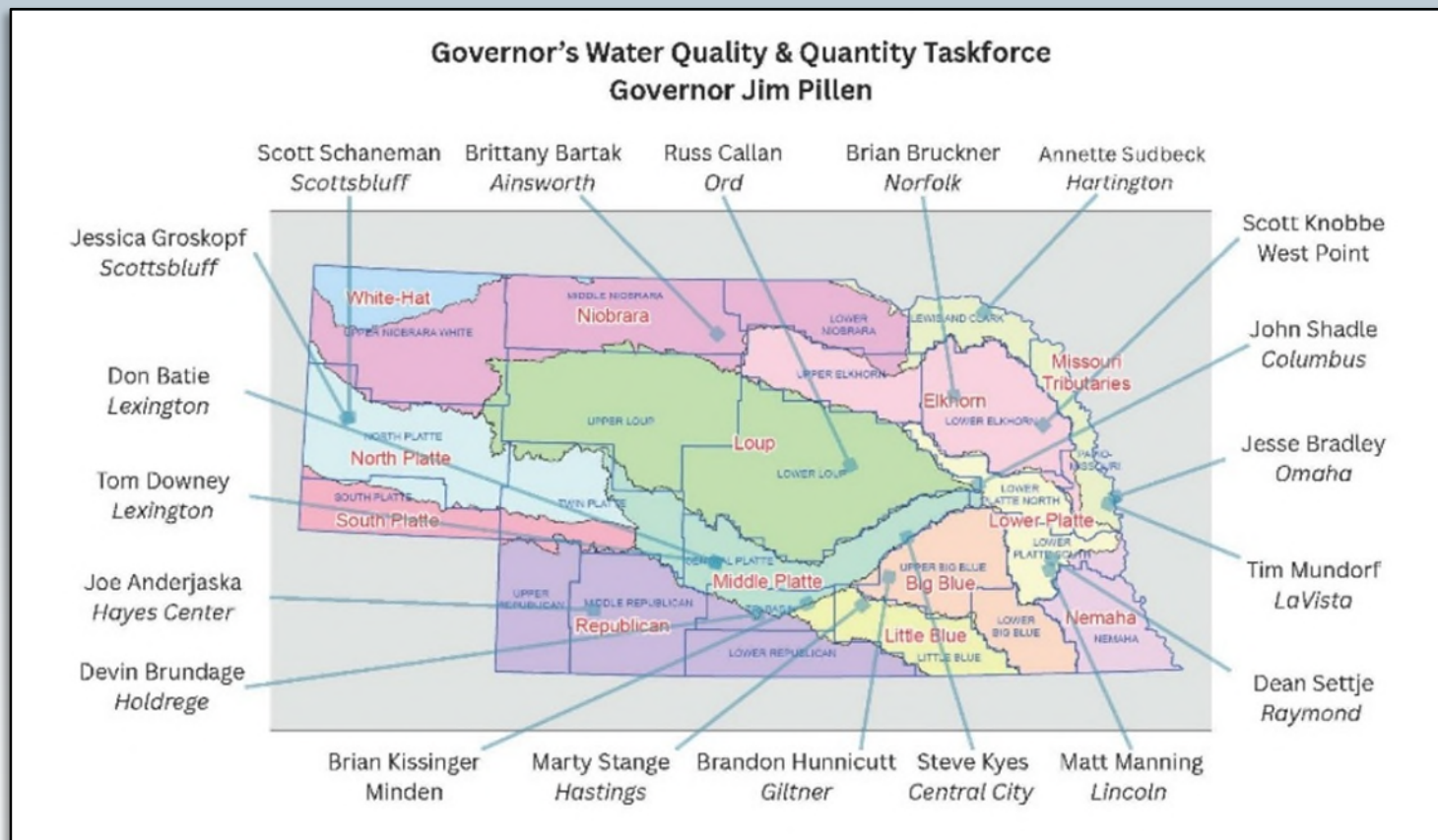
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