

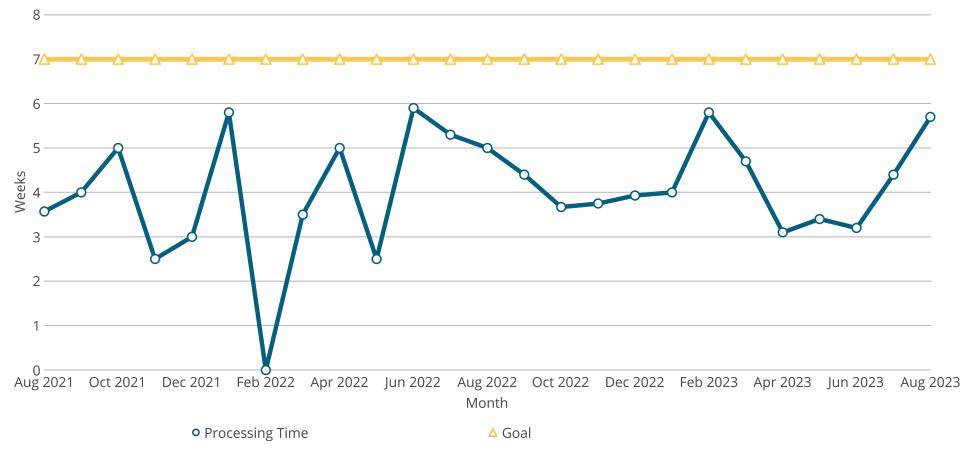
September 12, 2023

# **Natural Resources**

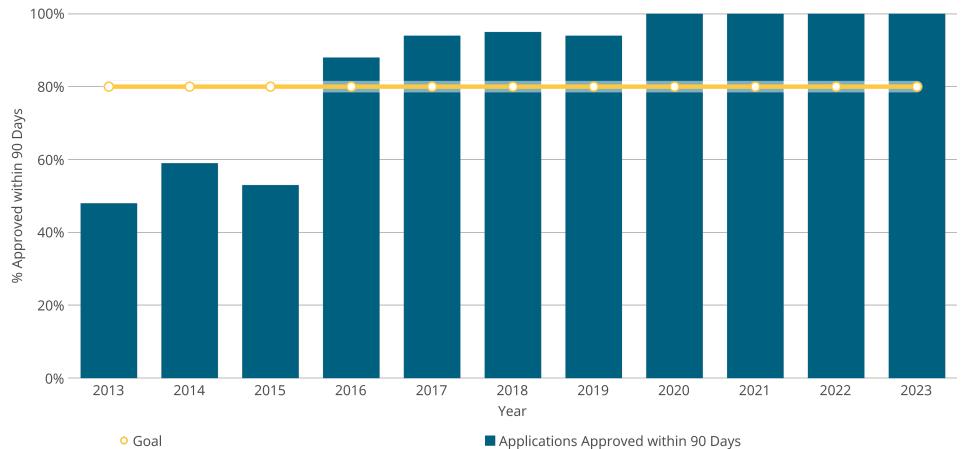
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#### Average Processing Time for New Surface Water Applications

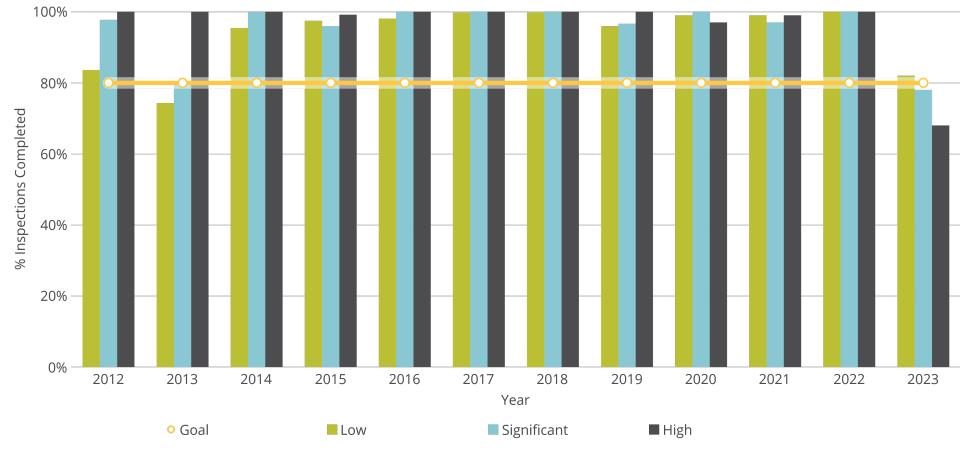


## Percent of Dam Applications Approved Within 90 Days



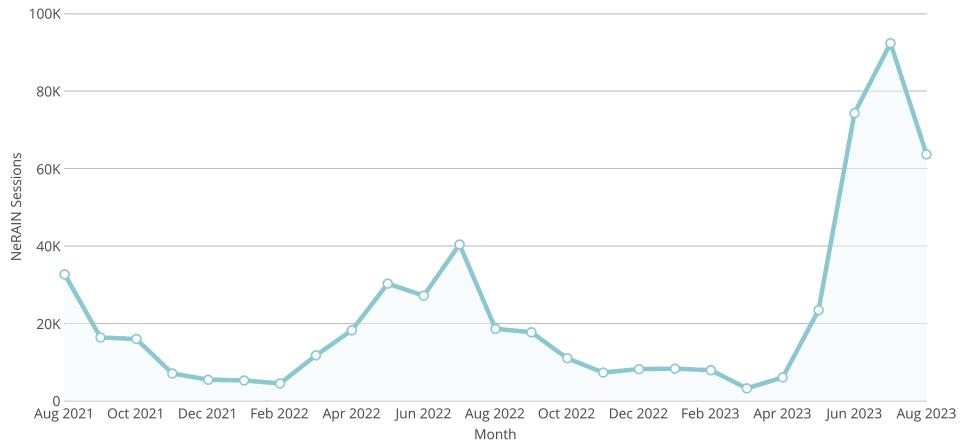
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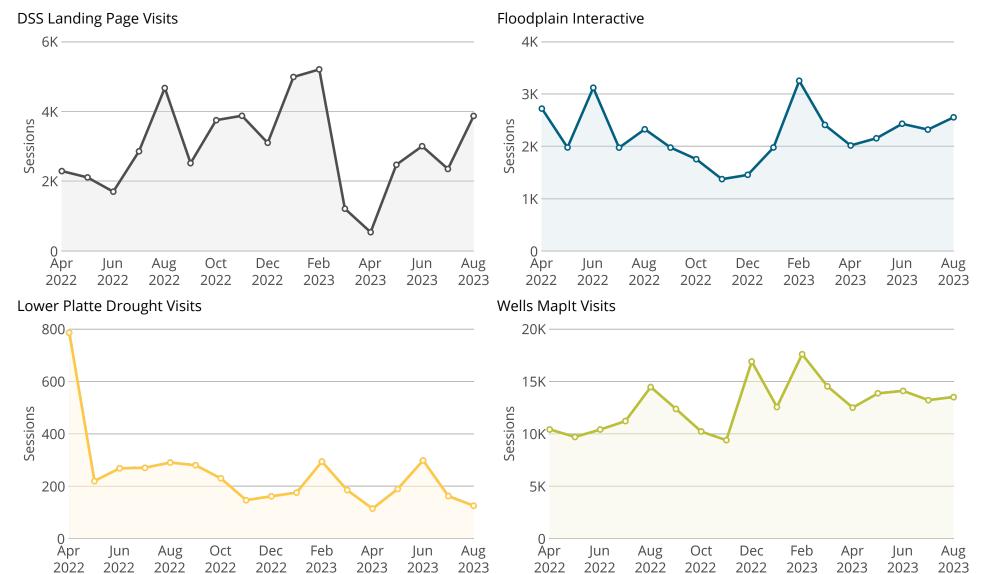
## Percent of Dam Inspections Completed By Year



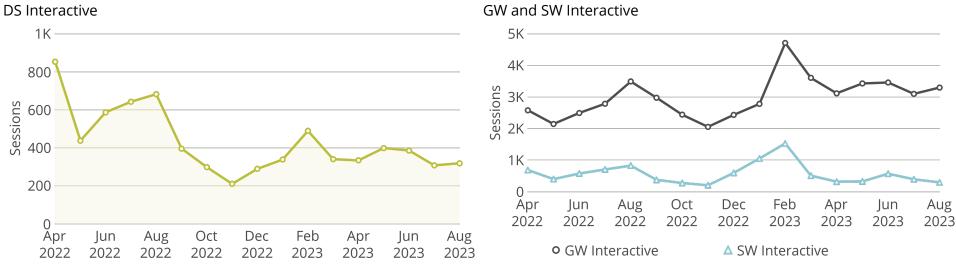
Dam inspection season started in March.

#### NeRAIN Monthly Sessions









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# Agency Summary

Date	Emerging Risks and Issues	Accomplishments	Miscellaneous Items of Note
Aug 2023	Senator Fischer has included funding for a site specific study along the lower Missouri River as part of her Congressionally Directed Spending request. If federal funding is authorized Nebraska and Missouri could enter into a contract for this planning work by USACE, which would be aimed at identifying potential mitigation strategies against future floods. Potential Nebraska partners could include NPPD (Cooper Nuclear Facility) and OPPD (Nebraska City Station). These planning studies often lead to future federal authorizations for project construction with a significant federal funding component provided in support of constructing the mitigation measures. USACE will likely be seeking an appointment with the Governor to review progress on the Lower Missouri River Study that is currently being conducted in conjunction with Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri.	The Republican River Compact Administration (RRCA) annual meeting was held on August 31st in Burlington Colorado. Business of the RRCA continues to move forward in a noncontentious manner. Water supplies in the basin are stressed as the 2023 irrigation season comes to a close and will need to recover over the winter and spring or the NRDs and state will be required to provide supplemental water for Kansas in 2024. The Department gave two presentations at the Govoners Agriculture Summit this month which included Nebraska Water Law and AI technology. The Department partnered with the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) at Husker Harvest Days with our Floodplain Model to raise awareness of floodplains.	Dams in two watersheds in southwest Nebraska provided significant flood protection following heavy rains around McCook earlier this summer. Seventeen dams in the Blackwood and Dry Creek watersheds owned by the Middle Republican NRD provided an estimated \$700,000 in flood damage reduction when 4 to 10 inches of rain fell across the area in just a few hours. Dam Safety reviewed and approved plans and specifications to completely remove and replace the 62-year-old principal spillway at Pine Lake Dam in Lincoln.