



Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Voluntary program for landowners to receive payments for removing highly erodible and environmentally sensitive lands from production.
- 10- to 15-year contracts to implement conservation practices.
- The Farm Service Agency selects from landowner applications based on proposed habitat, air, and water improvements or erosion prevention.
- 2014 Farm Bill reduced acreage cap to 24 million from 32 million.



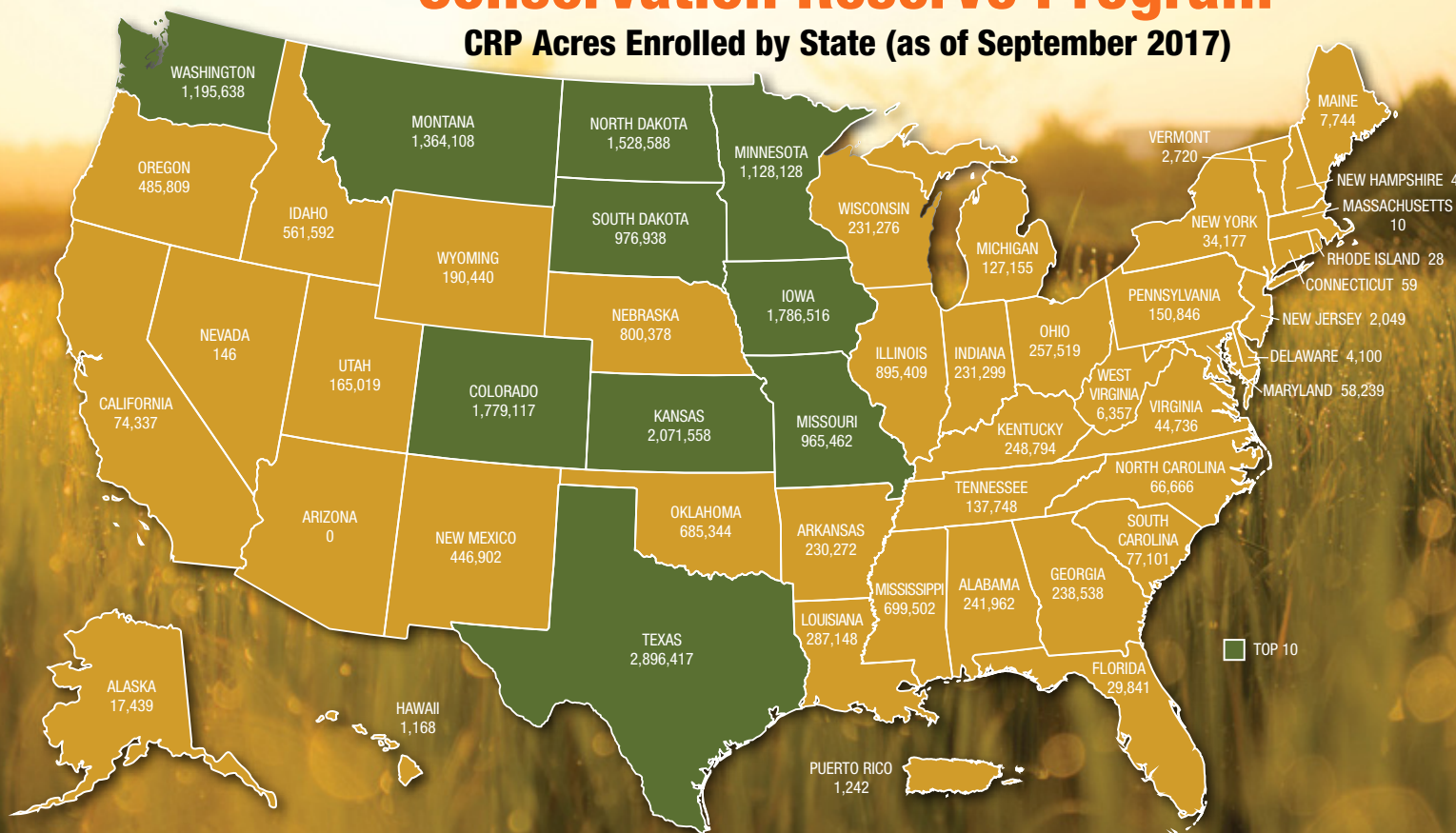
AWWG Recommendations

- **35-million-acre enrollment cap**
- Support wildlife initiatives (eg. state grants, CREP)
- Boost working lands options in CRP
- Update and enhance mid-contract management
- Enable permanent retirement of long-term CRP acres
- **CRP Grasslands:** Raise to 10% of total acreage under program and maintain proportion going forward
- **Environmental Benefit Index (EBI):** Amend to reflect regional variations in cost and impacts Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

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CRP Acres Enrolled by State (as of September 2017)



CRP Targeted Initiatives

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

(CREP): Fed-state partnership to address acute natural resource concerns (*1.1 million acres*)

State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE):

Initiative to improve and create high-quality wildlife habitat (*1.9 million acres*)

Grasslands: Rental contract program on sensitive grasslands (*90,000 acres*)

Upland bird habitat buffers: Establishing quail, pheasant habitat along cropland or in pivot corners (*250,000 acres*)

Impact

Since 1985, CRP has conserved...

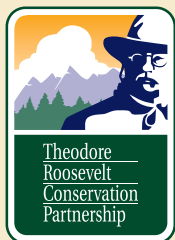
170,000 stream miles

300,000 acres of flood-plain wetlands

250,000 acres of duck nesting habitat

250,000 acres of upland bird habitat

& prevented erosion of **8 billion** tons of soil



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