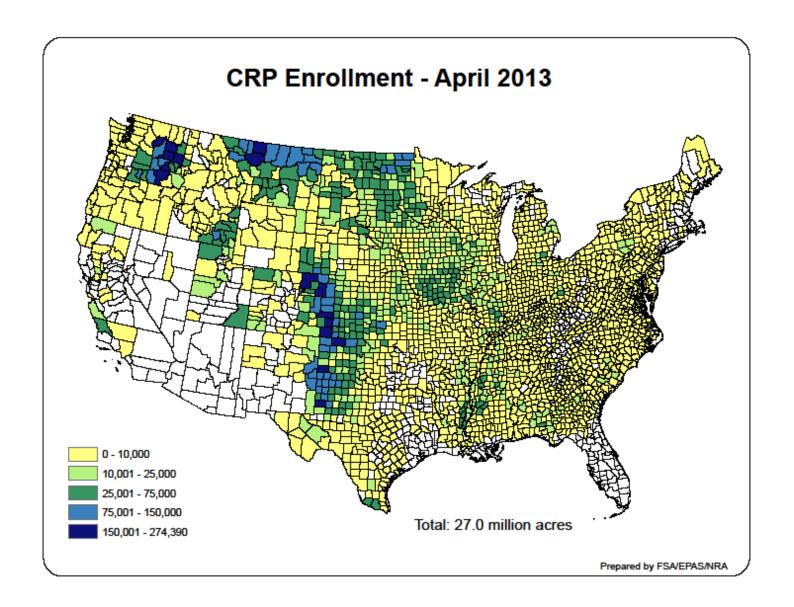
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- Voluntary Program
- Goals to Protect Soil Productivity, Improve Water Quality, Enhance Wildlife Habitat
- 26.9 Million Acres
 - Former croplands that are vulnerable to degradation and environmentally important
 - Now in conserving covers grass, trees, wetlands, and buffers





- Participating Landowners Receive:
 - Annual payments
 - Up to 50% Cost Share
 - In some cases additional incentives
 - Technical Assistance for Conservation Planning



- In Return Landowners:
 - Enter into 10 or 15 Year Contracts
 - Retire land from crop production
 - Establish and Maintain Conservation Cover
 - Perform Mid-Contract Management of Cover



- 21.4 Million Acres General CRP
- 5.5 Million Acres Continuous CRP
- 21.4 Million Acres of Grass
- 1.6 Million Acres of Trees
- 2.1 Million Acres Wetlands
- 1.8 Million Acres of Buffers
- 53,524 Acres in CP-42 Pollinator Habitat



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QUESTIONS???



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