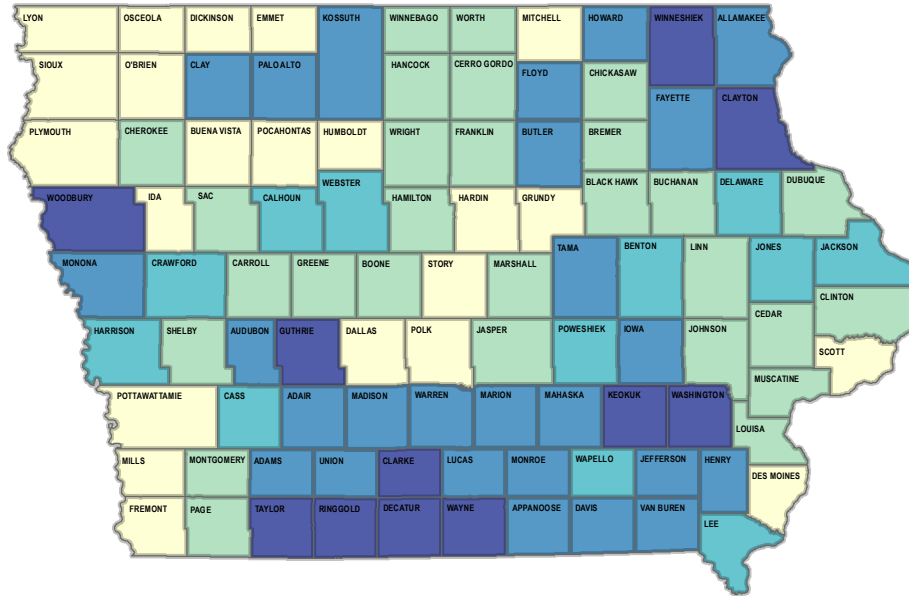


Acres Enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program – FFY 2017

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a land conservation program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA). In exchange for a yearly rental payment, farmers enrolled in the Program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve environmental health and quality. Contracts for land enrolled in CRP are 10-15 years in length. The long-term goal of the Program is to reestablish valuable land cover to help improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and reduce loss of wildlife habitat by planting native grasslands and long-term ground cover plants so wildlife populations can redevelop, as the plants provide places for nesting as well as winter cover.

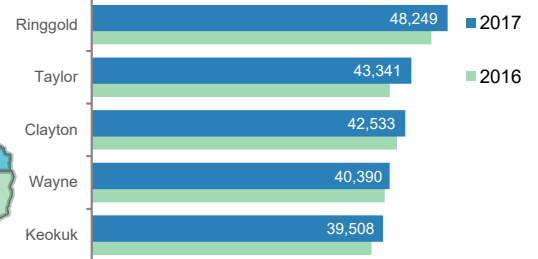


Enrollment of Acres in Iowa
 2,907 - 10,000 10,001 - 15,000 15,001 - 20,000 20,001 - 30,000 30,001 - 48,249

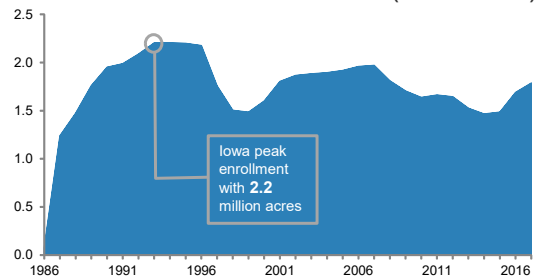
1.8 Million Acres

Iowa Total

Highest Five Counties

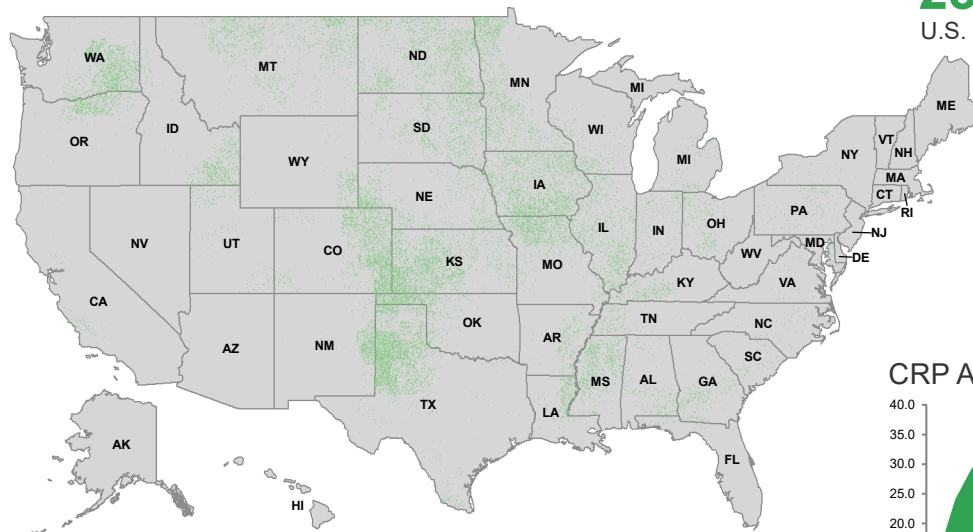


CRP Acres Enrolled in Iowa (in millions)



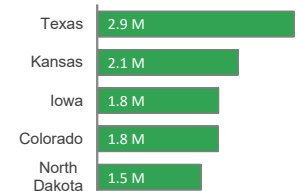
23.4 Million Acres

U.S. Total

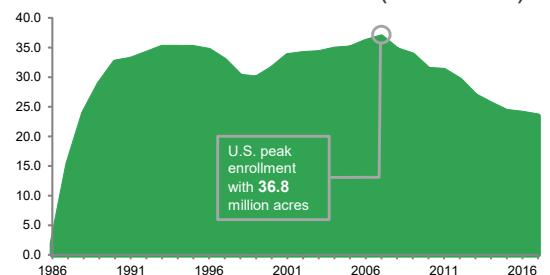


Enrollment of Acres in U.S.
 One Dot = 1,000 Acres

Highest Five States



CRP Acres Enrolled in U.S. (in millions)



Source: USDA Farm Service Agency, USDA Agriculture Survey; LSA calculations
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