

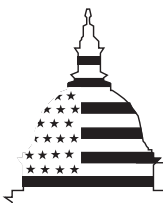
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Introduction

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Administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency, CRP compensates landowners for taking certain highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive land out of agricultural production. Most of CRP's 34 million acres were enrolled through CRP General Enrollment, which USDA implemented in 1986. Alternative CRP enrollment options—CRP Continuous Enrollment, implemented in 1997, and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), implemented in 1998—are specifically targeted to high-priority conservation practices that yield significant environmental benefits. As of October 2001, enrollment in CRP Continuous and CREP totaled 1.6 million acres. Other USDA programs, including the Wetlands Reserve Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, and the Farmland Protection Program, are administered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). These programs, which NRCS state conservationists manage, compensate landowners for activities such

as restoring and protecting wetlands, implementing conservation and wildlife practices on land currently used for agricultural production, and preventing the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses near urban areas.

State technical committees advise the NRCS state conservationists on the implementation of NRCS-administered conservation programs in each state. These committees include representatives from federal, state, local, and Indian tribal governments, as well as representatives from organizations knowledgeable about conservation issues, and are chaired by the NRCS state conservationists. The committees are responsible for such activities as recommending guidelines for evaluating conservation practices, determining eligible conservation practices for state priority areas, and making suggestions on program selection processes.

The future of USDA conservation programs has been the subject of extensive debate within the environmental and agricultural communities and in the Congress. This debate has centered on increasing the environmental and natural resource benefits resulting from the programs by allocating more funding to them, modifying them, or creating new programs. Pursuant to this debate, the omnibus farm bill is expected to become law in 2002.

At the request of the chairman and ranking minority member, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, GAO obtained the views of members of state technical committees on (1) the effectiveness of USDA's conservation efforts in addressing environmental objectives related to agriculture and (2) any program elements that hinder the achievement of environmental objectives related to agriculture, as well as program characteristics that current or new programs might include to better meet these objectives.

To provide information on the views of members of state technical committees, we mailed a questionnaire to all NRCS state conservationists and a sample of 1,470 committee members and received 996 responses. We drew the sample from the 2,124 state technical committee members in all 50 states and two territories. The sample was stratified by geographic region and the organizations the members represent, and the overall survey results are generalizable to the entire population. All percentage estimates from the survey have sampling errors of plus or minus 7 percentage points or less, unless otherwise noted. The survey solicited views on the effectiveness of CRP General Enrollment, CRP Continuous Enrollment, CREP, Wetlands Reserve Program, Environmental Quality

Incentives Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, and Farmland Protection Program. For CREP and the Farmland Protection Program, which are relatively new programs, our results include only those states where the programs were implemented at the time of our survey.

This document summarizes the responses of the state technical committee members stratified by geographic region and organization. A more detailed discussion of our scope and methodology and the highlights of our analysis of the survey are contained in our report entitled *Agricultural Conservation: State Advisory Committees' Views on How USDA Programs Could Better Address Environmental Concerns* ([GAO-02-295](#)).

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Survey of USDA State Technical Committee Members by Region
Survey Results and Responses

Notes to Tables: Except when presenting estimated number of cases, all other numbers are percentages. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Program Needs

1. To what degree, if at all, do you believe the following environmental or natural resource conditions related to agriculture on private land are concerns in your state? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Air pollution from agricultural field operations								
Major concern	4.1	16.8	4.5	11.7	1.4	28.5	4.2	11.0
Moderate concern	13.8	26.3	16.8	29.0	17.1	39.1	19.5	24.0
Minor concern	57.3	38.9	49.4	44.9	55.7	23.8	49.8	44.8
Not a concern	24.8	18.0	29.3	14.4	25.9	8.7	26.5	20.2
Estimated number of members	304	124	201	275	279	405	280	1,868

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Air pollution from livestock operations								
Major concern	19.0	15.0	12.8	11.6	9.1	13.3	10.5	13.0
Moderate concern	37.0	26.2	39.8	31.6	29.0	31.7	32.2	32.7
Minor concern	37.8	42.4	36.4	40.1	50.1	40.8	44.4	41.8
Not a concern	6.2	16.3	11.0	16.7	11.8	14.2	12.9	12.5
Estimated number of members	312	124	204	275	277	401	285	1,878

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Depletion of groundwater sources								
Major concern	9.2	61.2	53.1	52.7	19.3	60.2	30.3	39.5
Moderate concern	23.8	31.3	27.1	28.2	30.9	25.6	39.4	29.1
Minor concern	48.8	5.8	10.0	16.4	33.1	8.0	21.5	21.7
Not a concern	18.2	1.7	9.8	2.7	16.7	6.2	8.8	9.7
Estimated number of members	313	129	203	279	287	422	297	1,930

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Depletion of surface water								
Major concern	9.6	32.2	32.6	61.0	12.5	64.3	28.5	36.4
Moderate concern	26.1	28.4	31.7	22.0	39.3	21.5	36.9	28.8
Minor concern	42.3	22.6	24.0	15.2	32.8	8.8	24.8	23.6
Not a concern	22.0	16.9	11.7	1.8	15.4	5.4	9.9	11.1
Estimated number of members	307	130	205	274	280	428	294	1,918

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Impaired groundwater from leaching from agricultural fields								
Major concern	23.6	14.2	38.3	21.0	27.3	37.2	20.1	27.1
Moderate concern	50.9	31.0	35.4	37.3	39.6	40.2	49.3	41.8
Minor concern	21.2	45.3	21.7	32.3	30.1	16.6	27.1	25.7
Not a concern	4.4	9.5	4.6	9.3	3.1	6.0	3.4	5.5
Estimated number of members	317	128	199	275	284	421	297	1,921

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Impaired groundwater from livestock operations								
Major concern	24.2	13.9	39.5	20.0	30.0	26.9	29.5	26.8
Moderate concern	47.6	27.9	34.9	36.3	35.7	43.1	45.3	40.2
Minor concern	21.3	44.0	21.4	31.1	28.4	22.4	23.6	25.9
Not a concern	6.8	14.1	4.2	12.6	6.0	7.5	1.7	7.1
Estimated number of members	314	128	200	273	281	405	297	1,897

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Impaired surface water from livestock operations								
Major concern	42.4	25.1	58.8	26.0	51.1	33.2	50.2	41.2
Moderate concern	41.9	47.8	22.1	41.7	34.5	43.4	37.4	38.7
Minor concern	12.1	23.2	17.2	23.1	12.5	18.5	11.5	16.3
Not a concern	3.6	3.9	1.9	9.2	1.9	4.8	0.9	3.8
Estimated number of members	317	130	199	269	290	404	300	1,908

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Impaired surface water from runoff from agricultural fields								
Major concern	43.2	40.4	43.0	24.6	44.6	40.6	43.6	40.1
Moderate concern	39.4	43.7	39.3	35.6	38.7	35.2	44.6	38.9
Minor concern	14.8	13.5	15.2	29.3	14.1	18.7	10.9	16.9
Not a concern	2.5	2.3	2.5	10.5	2.6	5.6	0.9	4.1
Estimated number of members	317	132	205	273	287	423	295	1,932

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
9. Loss of native species								
Major concern	21.6	7.4	24.6	27.2	13.9	45.4	17.1	25.2
Moderate concern	27.0	33.6	38.4	27.6	33.4	27.2	33.0	30.6
Minor concern	38.9	42.4	26.7	33.6	36.7	19.9	43.5	33.3
Not a concern	12.5	16.6	10.3	11.7	15.9	7.6	6.4	10.9
Estimated number of members	314	126	201	275	271	417	292	1,896

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
10. Loss of agricultural land to urban sprawl								
Major concern	49.8	19.6	14.0	51.2	75.5	58.7	62.3	51.8
Moderate concern	38.1	31.9	47.1	36.4	19.7	31.2	28.3	32.7
Minor concern	11.3	39.9	31.9	8.9	4.1	8.3	8.3	12.9
Not a concern	0.8	8.7	7.0	3.5	0.6	1.8	1.1	2.6
Estimated number of members	311	131	205	282	284	426	302	1,942

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
11. Loss of wetlands								
Major concern	33.0	46.6	33.3	22.6	21.1	36.9	35.2	31.9
Moderate concern	37.7	24.2	32.0	27.4	48.0	39.1	40.4	36.9
Minor concern	22.7	24.7	24.7	37.6	22.4	19.1	19.8	23.9
Not a concern	6.6	4.6	10.0	12.4	8.5	4.9	4.6	7.3
Estimated number of members	313	132	202	278	282	411	301	1,919

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
12. Loss of wildlife habitat on farms and ranches								
Major concern	27.1	19.4	31.6	17.4	14.6	17.7	23.8	21.3
Moderate concern	36.6	38.5	35.5	36.2	46.4	45.9	44.8	41.3
Minor concern	25.2	34.6	24.4	35.1	26.5	28.9	26.6	28.4
Not a concern	11.2	7.5	8.5	11.3	12.5	7.5	4.8	9.1
Estimated number of members	312	129	199	275	280	419	299	1,913

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
13. Proliferation of invasive species								
Major concern	26.0	19.8	42.8	51.3	21.8	58.8	19.1	36.7
Moderate concern	39.4	29.8	38.2	35.2	45.9	28.7	41.4	36.9
Minor concern	26.7	41.2	11.6	11.8	28.3	11.5	32.5	21.7
Not a concern	8.0	9.2	7.3	1.7	4.1	0.9	7.0	4.8
Estimated number of members	307	126	198	278	269	419	292	1,889

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
14. Soil erosion from water runoff								
Major concern	44.5	33.9	36.2	30.4	33.3	34.4	41.0	36.5
Moderate concern	46.3	49.8	53.8	42.6	51.4	43.6	43.2	46.5
Minor concern	7.3	15.5	8.6	23.5	13.1	18.8	15.8	15.0
Not a concern	1.9	0.8	1.3	3.5	2.2	3.1	0	2.0
Estimated number of members	315	129	204	280	288	429	298	1,944

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
15. Soil erosion from wind								
Major concern	8.7	2.8	25.1	25.1	2.3	11.3	1.6	11.0
Moderate concern	34.9	9.5	58.2	39.9	9.8	44.1	17.8	32.2
Minor concern	44.2	40.6	15.6	32.3	54.2	35.5	49.0	39.5
Not a concern	12.3	47.1	1.1	2.7	33.7	9.1	31.6	17.3
Estimated number of members	311	125	201	275	270	413	291	1,887

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
16. Other (Please specify)								
Major concern	30.3	30.0	85.4	85.6	79.6	96.0	64.2	76.4
Moderate concern	63.8	70.0	14.6	14.4	20.4	2.0	35.8	22.3
Minor concern	5.9	0	0	0	0	2.0	0	1.3
Estimated number of members	25	5	25	27	40	54	24	199

2. How effective, if at all, are the following USDA conservation programs in addressing your state's environmental and natural resource concerns related to agriculture on private lands? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup - provides annual rental payments to agriculture producers to retire lands that are highly erodible or environmentally sensitive								
Extremely effective	21.2	13.8	27.6	11.6	5.1	7.5	20.7	15.2
Very effective	47.4	49.0	37.0	42.4	20.5	21.3	30.5	34.4
Moderately effective	22.3	21.6	19.2	29.1	24.5	23.6	22.3	23.4
Somewhat effective	8.1	13.9	14.7	8.0	20.3	17.5	19.7	14.6
Slightly or not effective	1.0	1.7	1.4	8.9	29.6	30.2	6.8	12.4
Estimated number of members	313	117	191	222	245	283	267	1,638

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Continuous Signup - offers additional financial incentives and allows acreage devoted to conservation practices, such as riparian buffers and filter strips, yielding highly desirable environmental benefits to be								
Extremely effective	35.8	11.1	20.2	6.4	12.3	11.5	16.7	17.4
Very effective	42.4	62.1	37.2	37.1	25.9	19.8	32.0	34.4
Moderately effective	15.0	17.9	26.2	32.5	28.9	24.7	23.2	24.0
Somewhat effective	6.4	6.1	12.6	12.2	17.0	24.9	17.7	14.6
Slightly or not effective	0.3	2.8	3.7	11.9	16.0	19.1	10.3	9.7
Estimated number of members	309	115	193	217	245	285	265	1,629

	Corn Belt & Lake States	South and North Plains	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) - a federal-state conservation partnership program that targets environmental concerns related to agriculture by using financial incentives to encourage landowners to retire lands						
Extremely effective	41.3	3.7	24.6	5.7	18.3	21.1
Very effective	25.8	40.0	50.6	19.8	37.0	29.7
Moderately effective	23.7	21.2	17.5	24.4	21.6	22.6
Somewhat effective	8.0	15.0	7.4	22.6	14.3	14.3
Slightly or not effective	1.2	20.1	0	27.5	8.8	12.3
Estimated number of members	208	32	101	240	105	686

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) - offers payment for the restoration of wetlands that have been previously drained and converted to agricultural uses, requiring landowners to sign an easement for thirty years or perpetuity								
Extremely effective	28.0	40.4	14.0	9.1	6.7	16.1	12.3	16.9
Very effective	37.2	39.7	19.9	20.0	15.8	28.0	17.1	25.0
Moderately effective	22.0	11.8	30.9	24.4	30.8	20.2	33.5	25.4
Somewhat effective	10.7	6.5	24.4	26.7	25.5	25.4	22.6	20.9
Slightly or not effective	2.1	1.6	10.9	19.8	21.3	10.2	14.5	11.8
Estimated number of members	305	115	186	218	241	293	252	1,611

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) - provides financial incentives to landowners to address soil, water, and related environmental concerns on lands in agricultural uses								
Extremely effective	21.1	12.2	13.6	18.7	22.2	21.9	16.7	19.0
Very effective	30.1	35.3	21.5	37.2	40.8	24.0	31.0	31.0
Moderately effective	27.3	32.0	42.8	32.2	24.8	34.3	36.0	32.4
Somewhat effective	17.0	17.2	15.2	9.6	10.1	15.4	12.5	13.7
Slightly or not effective	4.6	3.3	6.7	2.3	2.0	4.4	3.8	3.9
Estimated number of members	314	116	196	269	270	371	273	1,808

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) - provides financial incentives to develop habitats for fish and wildlife on private land								
Extremely effective	13.4	6.8	7.9	10.6	13.9	13.7	8.0	11.2
Very effective	29.7	30.7	24.0	22.1	27.1	21.5	27.3	25.7
Moderately effective	28.5	34.2	35.9	36.7	34.2	29.4	29.2	32.1
Somewhat effective	22.8	23.4	24.2	25.3	17.5	26.9	26.0	23.9
Slightly or not effective	5.6	4.9	7.9	5.2	7.3	8.4	9.4	7.1
Estimated number of members	294	111	189	257	258	325	262	1,697

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Farmland Protection Program (FPP) - protects farmland from non- agricultural conversion by acquiring thirty- year or permanent easements on farmlands in cooperation with existing state, local, or tribal farmland protection programs or land trusts						
Extremely effective	17.6	100.0	29.3	10.3	10.5	19.1
Very effective	20.2	0	27.6	17.4	16.2	21.8
Moderately effective	3.2	0	11.9	23.5	27.6	17.7
Somewhat effective	40.5	0	21.2	35.1	22.4	27.8
Slightly or not effective	18.6	0	10.0	13.7	23.3	13.6
Estimated number of members	35	1	230	205	67	538

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. All programs								
Extremely effective	13.3	4.4	4.4	3.8	2.5	6.5	3.8	5.8
Very effective	44.7	52.7	24.0	32.3	27.6	18.6	32.7	31.9
Moderately effective	35.0	28.6	50.6	47.9	52.9	30.3	40.8	41.0
Somewhat effective	7.0	13.2	18.9	14.6	15.5	34.4	21.0	18.4
Slightly or not effective	0	1.0	2.1	1.4	1.5	10.3	1.6	2.8
Estimated number of members	240	101	167	183	208	237	243	1,379

3. If you responded 'extremely effective' or 'slightly or not effective,' for any item in question 2 above, please provide the name of the program and explain the reason(s) for your response(s) below.

-- if extremely effective

-- if slightly or not effective

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup

4. How familiar are you with the CRP General Signup program? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
Extremely familiar	31.1	16.6	19.5	11.3	7.0	7.5	13.4	14.6
Very familiar	30.8	13.6	24.8	19.7	15.6	9.5	20.6	19.0
Moderately familiar	19.1	43.2	34.8	24.7	25.2	21.5	30.7	26.4
Somewhat familiar	9.7	10.5	12.2	11.2	21.9	15.7	8.8	13.2
Slightly or not familiar	9.3	16.2	8.6	33.1	30.2	45.8	26.5	26.8
Estimated number of members	317	126	202	273	281	416	303	1,919

5. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the CRP General Signup program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the CRP General Signup program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat								
Extremely effective	23.8	21.4	23.7	14.3	3.8	10.6	10.9	15.7
Very effective	44.7	38.3	39.6	44.8	23.8	28.8	31.0	36.2
Moderately effective	23.8	27.9	22.9	23.6	34.6	33.8	41.4	29.7
Somewhat effective	5.9	10.3	10.1	14.3	28.5	20.0	14.0	14.3
Slightly or not effective	1.8	2.2	3.6	3.0	9.3	6.9	2.7	4.1
Estimated number of members	279	105	181	169	174	189	210	1,307

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Protecting native species								
Extremely effective	7.8	6.1	6.1	5.5	0	6.8	3.4	5.3
Very effective	21.8	12.8	25.6	18.1	11.2	12.9	11.5	16.8
Moderately effective	39.3	37.8	36.4	44.0	28.6	39.3	37.1	37.7
Somewhat effective	20.3	29.4	17.2	21.0	31.5	18.7	32.1	23.8
Slightly or not effective	10.8	13.9	14.7	11.4	28.7	22.2	16.0	16.5
Estimated number of members	266	99	178	167	165	189	206	1,270

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion								
Extremely effective	39.9	29.2	33.3	25.2	14.7	12.0	28.5	27.0
Very effective	47.4	45.0	46.4	40.7	45.6	35.4	43.5	43.6
Moderately effective	10.0	21.9	15.3	22.4	15.8	27.2	19.0	18.0
Somewhat effective	2.6	3.0	1.4	9.7	19.3	16.0	8.4	8.5
Slightly or not effective	0	0.9	3.6	2.0	4.7	9.4	0.6	2.9
Estimated number of members	279	106	181	168	179	185	212	1,310

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality								
Extremely effective	17.9	12.2	17.7	10.3	6.9	4.9	12.5	12.2
Very effective	39.8	30.5	31.8	36.7	28.2	23.0	42.0	33.9
Moderately effective	24.2	26.7	27.1	29.8	33.4	25.1	20.8	26.4
Somewhat effective	16.5	28.4	15.4	18.0	24.4	19.3	20.1	19.5
Slightly or not effective	1.6	2.2	8.0	5.1	7.1	27.8	4.6	8.0
Estimated number of members	265	101	176	160	169	184	200	1,255

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality								
Extremely effective	29.9	18.3	18.0	14.2	10.2	9.0	15.6	17.3
Very effective	50.0	40.0	41.6	37.8	35.2	26.6	42.6	39.9
Moderately effective	14.1	23.5	25.8	33.5	30.9	26.7	30.5	25.7
Somewhat effective	5.5	16.2	6.6	9.4	16.3	22.0	7.9	11.3
Slightly or not effective	0.6	1.9	8.0	5.0	7.4	15.6	3.4	5.9
Estimated number of members	275	103	179	162	179	190	208	1,295

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality								
Extremely effective	5.7	3.9	6.3	9.0	1.5	5.0	8.1	5.8
Very effective	14.6	21.0	19.9	32.7	4.2	24.8	17.4	19.2
Moderately effective	33.0	27.3	36.2	27.8	22.2	25.2	21.9	28.0
Somewhat effective	21.2	19.8	18.8	15.6	33.6	21.4	32.8	23.3
Slightly or not effective	25.4	28.0	18.8	15.0	38.4	23.5	19.8	23.7
Estimated number of members	246	93	158	160	137	190	177	1,160

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl								
Extremely effective	3.5	4.0	0	6.2	2.6	6.0	4.7	3.9
Very effective	5.6	11.1	3.7	10.2	8.0	8.1	11.7	8.1
Moderately effective	14.4	16.9	19.5	13.8	22.1	12.7	22.7	17.4
Somewhat effective	27.8	41.4	23.2	17.6	23.1	23.1	23.5	24.6
Slightly or not effective	48.6	26.6	53.6	52.1	44.2	50.1	37.4	45.9
Estimated number of members	249	65	131	142	151	167	205	1,111

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Other (Please specify)								
Extremely effective	0	0	44.2	41.0	0	46.7	0	25.9
Very effective	31.2	48.6	7.1	22.0	16.0	0	47.2	18.5
Moderately effective	19.3	0	0	0	13.3	0	52.8	6.8
Somewhat effective	19.3	0	8.6	26.6	13.3	0	0	11.5
Slightly or not effective	30.3	51.4	40.1	10.4	57.4	53.3	0	37.3
Estimated number of members	8	5	14	10	8	9	2	55

6. Do the following CRP General Signup provisions or factors help or hinder the achievement of the program's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Application process								
Greatly helps	1.5	8.6	2.2	4.2	2.9	2.1	3.1	3.0
Somewhat helps	21.6	45.5	20.5	31.4	9.4	23.9	16.0	22.3
Neither helps nor hinders	30.1	32.2	43.5	44.3	44.4	42.8	36.3	38.8
Somewhat hinders	40.6	12.4	28.0	20.1	36.9	19.5	39.6	30.3
Greatly hinders	6.3	1.2	5.8	0	6.4	11.6	5.0	5.6
Estimated number of members	236	80	160	149	149	167	186	1,128

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Specific signup periods rather than continuous signup								
Greatly helps	3.9	4.7	3.3	2.0	2.5	7.9	3.8	4.0
Somewhat helps	9.4	19.3	14.8	28.9	8.1	20.1	20.0	16.3
Neither helps nor hinders	14.6	26.4	20.5	27.0	17.1	29.1	22.6	21.5
Somewhat hinders	63.2	44.0	54.0	36.7	59.5	39.7	43.3	50.2
Greatly hinders	8.9	5.6	7.3	5.5	12.8	3.2	10.4	8.0
Estimated number of members	256	90	173	151	177	170	179	1,197

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Acceptance selection process (EBI)								
Greatly helps	9.8	22.2	8.8	10.7	8.3	7.1	17.3	11.3
Somewhat helps	33.7	24.6	24.8	29.9	23.8	24.6	23.8	27.0
Neither helps nor hinders	11.4	22.7	11.9	28.5	39.6	26.6	16.8	21.5
Somewhat hinders	36.6	26.0	43.7	21.9	17.8	22.6	40.8	31.0
Greatly hinders	8.5	4.5	10.8	9.0	10.4	19.1	1.2	9.3
Estimated number of members	231	81	156	140	147	156	165	1,077

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Length of contract (10 to 15 years)								
Greatly helps	22.1	44.4	21.5	21.1	9.3	18.8	19.6	20.9
Somewhat helps	39.1	33.3	43.2	43.0	29.6	36.9	34.3	37.3
Neither helps nor hinders	23.7	15.8	19.9	22.8	26.0	24.2	21.8	22.5
Somewhat hinders	14.0	6.5	14.6	13.2	29.0	18.0	19.5	17.0
Greatly hinders	1.2	0	0.8	0	6.1	2.2	4.9	2.3
Estimated number of members	264	96	173	155	179	182	194	1,242

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Requirement that land be in crop production 2 of the past 5 years								
Greatly helps	7.3	2.5	5.6	15.6	4.5	9.3	5.1	7.3
Somewhat helps	21.9	37.9	22.0	33.0	16.8	15.4	30.4	24.1
Neither helps nor hinders	18.0	15.0	18.4	25.4	24.0	23.2	20.5	20.8
Somewhat hinders	37.4	36.3	43.0	19.9	46.4	38.2	40.2	37.7
Greatly hinders	15.5	8.3	10.9	6.0	8.3	14.0	3.8	10.0
Estimated number of members	262	94	168	160	181	189	194	1,248

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Size of cost- share percentage								
Greatly helps	11.2	14.6	9.0	17.6	3.7	8.3	12.1	10.7
Somewhat helps	44.2	30.2	44.5	34.4	29.5	23.6	37.8	35.8
Neither helps nor hinders	20.9	27.9	17.0	11.8	19.6	26.0	16.5	19.7
Somewhat hinders	23.0	26.4	25.3	33.1	37.9	28.8	32.0	29.2
Greatly hinders	0.6	1.0	4.1	3.1	9.3	13.4	1.6	4.7
Estimated number of members	258	98	159	148	164	176	188	1,191

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Size of annual rental rate per acre								
Greatly helps	16.1	20.0	15.2	21.4	9.9	7.3	19.2	15.2
Somewhat helps	34.2	27.2	36.4	32.5	18.9	19.3	32.9	29.1
Neither helps nor hinders	17.4	15.5	8.0	5.4	8.1	10.3	16.5	11.9
Somewhat hinders	25.5	33.8	36.7	28.9	23.1	22.9	24.0	27.1
Greatly hinders	6.8	3.6	3.7	11.9	40.0	40.3	7.3	16.6
Estimated number of members	256	92	163	154	174	179	193	1,210

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. No payment for maintenance of existing practices								
Greatly helps	0	0	0.8	6.0	0	3.1	0.6	1.4
Somewhat helps	3.4	2.9	4.8	6.7	2.2	4.6	1.0	3.6
Neither helps nor hinders	28.7	39.1	27.2	21.9	20.9	20.8	23.0	25.4
Somewhat hinders	52.5	51.8	55.5	52.9	59.1	45.0	60.2	53.9
Greatly hinders	15.4	6.2	11.7	12.5	17.8	26.5	15.2	15.8
Estimated number of members	261	97	159	146	164	177	189	1,193

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
9. Limit on the percentage of land that may be enrolled in a county (25%)								
Greatly helps	0.6	0	3.2	7.7	3.2	3.1	1.9	2.8
Somewhat helps	6.9	2.4	6.5	11.4	4.8	8.9	2.5	6.4
Neither helps nor hinders	33.0	29.0	22.8	14.2	68.0	54.7	46.9	39.0
Somewhat hinders	52.8	51.6	53.6	42.0	20.4	19.9	40.5	40.3
Greatly hinders	6.6	17.0	13.9	24.7	3.6	13.4	8.1	11.6
Estimated number of members	260	93	172	156	169	175	185	1,210

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
10. Limit on total rental payments (\$50,000)								
Greatly helps	2.6	3.5	2.4	6.9	2.2	4.4	1.3	3.2
Somewhat helps	14.2	12.3	13.3	12.0	1.1	6.8	6.9	9.6
Neither helps nor hinders	43.1	31.9	38.9	31.8	66.1	36.5	51.9	43.7
Somewhat hinders	40.1	47.2	40.2	44.9	27.6	32.4	34.1	37.5
Greatly hinders	0	5.1	5.2	4.5	3.1	19.9	5.7	5.9
Estimated number of members	250	94	164	155	164	171	178	1,176

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
11. Restriction on economic uses of land								
Greatly helps	11.3	4.7	6.7	9.0	1.8	9.2	6.4	7.4
Somewhat helps	15.1	18.3	17.1	17.0	6.4	13.7	12.7	14.0
Neither helps nor hinders	25.5	36.8	32.9	18.0	25.1	21.4	23.2	25.5
Somewhat hinders	45.1	35.7	37.4	46.5	52.4	44.2	42.0	43.9
Greatly hinders	3.1	4.5	5.9	9.6	14.3	11.6	15.7	9.1
Estimated number of members	264	95	172	150	178	178	184	1,221

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
12. Restriction on hay and grazing of land								
Greatly helps	11.6	7.7	8.2	8.2	7.4	11.4	8.2	9.2
Somewhat helps	13.1	13.9	18.3	11.8	6.7	8.6	11.3	11.9
Neither helps nor hinders	16.9	35.8	18.0	10.1	11.8	21.5	17.1	17.6
Somewhat hinders	47.3	37.1	44.5	47.8	43.5	46.8	49.8	45.9
Greatly hinders	11.1	5.4	11.1	22.1	30.7	11.8	13.6	15.4
Estimated number of members	264	98	174	163	179	182	186	1,247

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
13. Restrictions on acceptable conservation practices								
Greatly helps	8.7	13.1	2.4	5.8	4.7	4.8	9.0	6.8
Somewhat helps	20.7	24.0	21.9	21.2	8.9	16.9	14.6	18.1
Neither helps nor hinders	23.6	30.1	27.0	34.8	40.9	37.0	35.5	32.2
Somewhat hinders	37.3	30.8	39.8	31.0	39.2	31.9	35.6	35.5
Greatly hinders	9.6	2.0	9.0	7.3	6.3	9.4	5.4	7.5
Estimated number of members	261	98	162	154	160	179	193	1,208

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
14. Having program promotion at the state or local level								
Greatly helps	33.6	25.4	22.9	20.9	24.9	20.1	27.7	25.8
Somewhat helps	42.7	53.6	53.7	38.9	40.4	43.6	44.7	44.7
Neither helps nor hinders	20.8	21.0	21.1	33.9	30.0	27.9	20.0	24.7
Somewhat hinders	2.8	0	0.7	6.4	3.6	4.5	6.1	3.6
Greatly hinders	0	0	1.6	0	1.1	4.0	1.5	1.2
Estimated number of members	263	87	169	154	169	176	190	1,208

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
15. Other (Please specify)								
Greatly helps	10.9	0	0	43.4	0	0	37.8	11.8
Neither helps nor hinders	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.6	1.9
Somewhat hinders	0	18.8	16.9	0	0	0	0	8.2
Greatly hinders	89.1	81.2	83.1	56.6	100.0	100.0	49.6	78.1
Estimated number of members	9	7	21	6	2	5	9	60

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Continuous Signup

7. How familiar are you with the CRP Continuous Signup (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
Extremely familiar	31.3	13.0	13.8	7.2	6.8	3.5	11.8	12.1
Very familiar	28.4	16.6	24.2	13.9	13.4	9.5	15.6	16.8
Moderately familiar	16.9	41.6	29.1	21.6	26.4	18.5	28.0	24.0
Somewhat familiar	9.3	8.0	13.5	13.0	18.6	13.0	13.4	13.0
Slightly or not familiar	14.1	20.7	19.5	44.3	34.9	55.5	31.3	34.1
Estimated number of members	313	129	202	270	278	411	296	1,900

8. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the CRP Continuous Signup program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the CRP Continuous Signup program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat								
Extremely effective	21.1	8.3	19.9	16.0	5.1	10.3	11.9	14.0
Very effective	37.3	55.1	34.9	42.5	32.4	27.5	37.5	37.1
Moderately effective	32.5	27.6	34.7	29.0	37.1	34.7	36.7	33.6
Somewhat effective	8.6	4.6	9.5	10.2	21.3	22.0	12.0	12.7
Slightly or not effective	0.6	4.5	1.0	2.3	4.2	5.5	1.9	2.6
Estimated number of members	268	100	161	136	173	155	198	1,193

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Protecting native species								
Extremely effective	5.6	3.3	2.6	9.6	0	8.2	6.1	5.1
Very effective	20.7	28.3	32.7	29.9	22.8	16.6	22.1	24.0
Moderately effective	36.0	42.6	39.7	34.2	30.4	30.1	34.5	35.0
Somewhat effective	26.8	15.2	15.3	17.9	23.8	31.0	25.5	23.1
Slightly or not effective	10.9	10.7	9.8	8.5	23.0	14.2	11.8	12.8
Estimated number of members	258	93	157	135	167	153	184	1,146

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion								
Extremely effective	23.2	17.9	21.0	15.5	2.7	10.6	17.8	16.1
Very effective	54.4	54.5	51.6	42.3	54.9	35.7	45.1	48.9
Moderately effective	16.7	21.8	22.5	26.7	30.5	32.7	22.9	24.1
Somewhat effective	5.1	4.7	4.8	11.9	10.3	16.0	10.7	8.8
Slightly or not effective	0.6	1.0	0	3.6	1.6	5.1	3.6	2.1
Estimated number of members	264	100	161	136	173	140	202	1,177

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality								
Extremely effective	9.7	9.6	11.7	9.8	3.9	7.4	13.2	9.4
Very effective	44.3	35.2	31.1	44.8	25.3	22.9	30.1	33.9
Moderately effective	25.7	29.2	30.0	20.2	41.8	26.9	31.4	29.4
Somewhat effective	12.8	16.1	25.7	17.4	19.1	32.4	20.2	20.1
Slightly or not effective	7.5	9.9	1.4	7.7	9.9	10.4	5.1	7.2
Estimated number of members	260	95	160	130	169	150	190	1,154

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality								
Extremely effective	32.9	20.6	20.3	18.4	9.6	13.3	23.1	21.0
Very effective	48.2	58.6	50.1	42.8	58.1	28.9	38.0	46.0
Moderately effective	13.4	15.2	19.7	19.6	23.9	27.4	27.1	20.8
Somewhat effective	3.7	1.2	10.0	12.6	7.3	21.4	8.9	9.0
Slightly or not effective	1.7	4.3	0	6.6	1.0	8.9	2.8	3.3
Estimated number of members	267	100	160	132	173	152	201	1,185

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality								
Extremely effective	3.8	1.7	2.1	10.4	2.1	5.2	6.6	4.6
Very effective	13.6	15.2	14.6	26.6	3.7	15.1	13.6	14.2
Moderately effective	25.9	34.9	25.8	21.2	19.7	26.6	18.9	24.2
Somewhat effective	28.4	21.9	32.1	23.3	33.7	23.8	36.1	29.1
Slightly or not effective	28.3	26.4	25.4	18.5	40.8	29.3	24.8	27.9
Estimated number of members	231	73	140	115	136	152	158	1,006

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl								
Extremely effective	2.6	2.0	0	8.4	2.9	8.5	4.4	4.1
Very effective	8.3	12.0	3.4	6.5	8.2	6.4	5.6	7.0
Moderately effective	11.7	8.6	12.6	18.2	16.1	13.0	14.5	13.7
Somewhat effective	18.6	36.7	21.4	13.6	16.9	11.1	26.3	19.6
Slightly or not effective	58.8	40.8	62.5	53.2	56.0	60.9	49.0	55.7
Estimated number of members	235	62	126	108	146	139	172	987

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Other (Please specify)								
Extremely effective	0	0	35.7	29.9	0	0	0	12.2
Very effective	71.5	48.6	9.9	0	26.6	0	66.1	28.5
Moderately effective	28.5	0	0	0	0	0	33.9	7.4
Somewhat effective	0	0	12.7	0	30.0	48.2	0	14.7
Slightly or not effective	0	51.4	41.7	70.1	43.5	51.8	0	37.2
Estimated number of members	6	5	10	3	5	6	3	38

9. Do the following CRP Continuous Signup provisions or factors help or hinder the achievement of the program's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Application process								
Greatly helps	29.7	17.7	10.8	14.3	14.1	8.7	13.2	16.7
Somewhat helps	32.2	34.9	39.8	29.4	25.0	30.2	25.6	30.8
Neither helps nor hinders	22.8	33.0	28.2	37.0	34.3	36.5	34.7	31.3
Somewhat hinders	14.2	11.1	20.5	19.3	22.2	13.9	23.6	18.2
Greatly hinders	1.1	3.3	0.7	0	4.5	10.6	2.9	3.1
Estimated number of members	242	80	151	119	162	132	170	1,056

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Continuous signup rather than specific signup periods								
Greatly helps	65.0	55.8	42.9	27.5	37.5	28.6	33.7	43.2
Somewhat helps	29.0	28.6	47.4	46.6	51.8	46.1	41.6	41.2
Neither helps nor hinders	3.3	15.7	6.3	17.1	6.0	25.3	17.3	11.6
Somewhat hinders	2.7	0	3.4	6.8	3.7	0	7.4	3.6
Greatly hinders	0	0	0	2.0	1.0	0	0	0.4
Estimated number of members	258	91	156	127	181	145	172	1,130

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Length of contract (10 to 15 years)								
Greatly helps	22.6	41.4	19.0	26.9	13.6	14.5	19.3	21.2
Somewhat helps	46.0	30.3	52.8	36.2	26.6	34.4	34.1	38.1
Neither helps nor hinders	23.1	17.2	15.8	19.2	28.9	30.8	25.2	23.4
Somewhat hinders	8.3	11.1	12.3	17.7	26.2	17.7	21.5	16.2
Greatly hinders	0	0	0	0	4.7	2.7	0	1.1
Estimated number of members	262	96	154	129	181	145	182	1,149

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Percentage of incentive payments (20%)								
Greatly helps	34.6	42.9	28.1	20.1	16.6	8.6	18.2	23.9
Somewhat helps	41.4	33.3	38.8	36.5	38.3	36.3	36.9	38.0
Neither helps nor hinders	10.8	12.1	15.9	9.7	18.9	15.7	15.2	14.1
Somewhat hinders	12.6	11.7	17.2	27.7	21.5	29.9	25.5	20.4
Greatly hinders	0.6	0	0	6.0	4.8	9.5	4.1	3.4
Estimated number of members	255	84	145	109	176	141	178	1,088

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Size of cost-share percentage								
Greatly helps	21.9	27.4	13.5	21.6	10.8	8.4	12.3	16.1
Somewhat helps	48.0	39.9	48.3	37.1	33.1	29.0	37.9	39.7
Neither helps nor hinders	13.1	12.4	13.0	12.4	23.1	24.1	20.9	17.2
Somewhat hinders	16.4	20.2	23.4	26.7	26.4	28.8	26.2	23.5
Greatly hinders	0.6	0	1.8	2.2	6.6	9.7	2.8	3.4
Estimated number of members	248	89	146	116	168	144	182	1,093

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Size of annual rental rate per acre								
Greatly helps	27.9	18.0	15.8	15.9	7.2	10.0	10.7	15.7
Somewhat helps	41.0	42.5	41.6	36.0	16.7	27.5	46.4	36.0
Neither helps nor hinders	11.7	12.3	8.6	8.3	13.5	13.9	12.5	11.6
Somewhat hinders	18.8	26.1	32.7	30.0	30.6	24.1	24.7	26.0
Greatly hinders	0.6	1.1	1.3	9.9	32.0	24.5	5.8	10.7
Estimated number of members	250	90	150	123	173	148	184	1,119

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. No payment for maintenance of existing practices								
Greatly helps	0	0	0	6.1	1.0	5.2	0	1.5
Somewhat helps	0.9	7.0	2.6	9.4	2.1	4.5	2.0	3.4
Neither helps nor hinders	29.6	44.1	30.7	22.1	18.4	22.6	26.8	26.9
Somewhat hinders	55.9	39.4	57.4	52.4	53.6	42.8	59.0	52.8
Greatly hinders	13.6	9.5	9.4	10.0	24.9	24.9	12.3	15.3
Estimated number of members	251	88	148	123	172	145	180	1,107

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Restriction on hay and grazing of land								
Greatly helps	8.3	6.1	7.4	11.8	6.9	13.9	7.2	8.8
Somewhat helps	11.0	10.8	16.7	11.2	7.4	8.2	9.8	10.7
Neither helps nor hinders	22.4	37.5	19.8	8.1	16.7	15.4	22.9	19.8
Somewhat hinders	45.9	39.8	44.3	48.8	42.0	46.7	54.0	46.2
Greatly hinders	12.4	5.8	11.8	20.1	27.0	15.8	6.1	14.6
Estimated number of members	257	91	157	133	180	153	166	1,139

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
9. Restrictions on acceptable conservation practices								
Greatly helps	7.3	12.4	2.7	7.6	3.0	8.4	5.2	6.3
Somewhat helps	16.3	12.9	18.3	20.2	5.4	17.4	13.6	14.8
Neither helps nor hinders	26.8	39.3	26.0	27.0	31.8	25.6	29.2	28.7
Somewhat hinders	42.0	29.2	48.2	38.5	51.8	36.5	43.3	42.3
Greatly hinders	7.6	6.1	4.8	6.7	7.9	12.1	8.8	7.9
Estimated number of members	250	92	147	124	168	151	184	1,115

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
10. Having program promotion at the state or local level								
Greatly helps	40.5	36.3	29.9	31.2	26.1	26.1	31.5	32.1
Somewhat helps	40.1	35.9	49.4	42.3	35.9	40.6	41.8	41.0
Neither helps nor hinders	17.0	26.4	20.8	24.4	35.0	24.0	18.0	22.9
Somewhat hinders	1.2	1.4	0	2.2	2.0	2.8	6.6	2.3
Greatly hinders	1.2	0	0	0	1.1	6.6	2.1	1.6
Estimated number of members	252	89	155	123	170	144	179	1,112

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
11. Other (Please specify)								
Greatly helps	70.4	0	15.7	29.9	0	0	32.8	33.2
Somewhat helps	5.1	0	6.0	0	0	0	0	3.2
Neither helps nor hinders	0	0	0	0	0	0	29.5	5.0
Somewhat hinders	0	0	7.7	0	47.0	0	10.9	5.8
Greatly hinders	24.5	100.0	70.7	70.1	53.0	100.0	26.8	52.8
Estimated number of members	20	5	17	3	3	5	11	63

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

10.Does your state have a CREP program? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
Yes	78.2	19.2	33.9	21.0	48.2	45.8	42.7	44.8
No	17.4	43.6	28.3	35.5	29.5	13.2	30.0	25.7
Don't know	4.4	37.2	37.8	43.5	22.3	41.0	27.3	29.4
Estimated number of members	307	118	189	245	265	368	285	1,776

11. How familiar are you with the CREP program? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
Extremely familiar	27.0	12.2	7.1	6.9	13.0	12.0	17.1	16.1
Very familiar	20.9	25.8	5.2	4.6	15.8	9.2	31.3	16.5
Moderately familiar	25.6	10.4	28.1	15.1	30.9	20.6	14.0	22.4
Somewhat familiar	11.8	16.3	20.5	19.0	15.4	17.4	23.2	16.7
Slightly or not familiar	14.8	35.3	39.1	54.4	24.9	40.7	14.3	28.2
Estimated number of members	248	31	74	74	145	213	134	920

12. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the CREP program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the CREP program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	South and North Plains	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat						
Extremely effective	40.7	8.5	24.3	20.3	13.5	26.7
Very effective	25.6	46.4	35.4	29.5	23.8	28.8
Moderately effective	24.8	25.6	21.3	23.1	39.5	26.7
Somewhat effective	7.9	19.5	14.8	19.6	18.2	14.1
Slightly or not effective	0.9	0	4.2	7.5	4.9	3.6
Estimated number of members	174	20	89	99	93	475

	Corn Belt & Lake States	South and North Plains	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Protecting native species						
Extremely effective	24.7	0	10.7	15.0	3.9	15.0
Very effective	28.9	13.4	26.0	19.8	23.5	24.8
Moderately effective	22.0	35.4	26.4	27.0	35.0	27.0
Somewhat effective	19.7	26.0	30.4	24.0	16.4	22.2
Slightly or not effective	4.6	25.2	6.6	14.3	21.1	11.1
Estimated number of members	168	20	84	94	89	455

	Corn Belt & Lake States	South and North Plains	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion						
Extremely effective	40.0	9.0	16.7	8.2	19.1	23.9
Very effective	39.6	9.0	46.3	22.8	33.4	35.2
Moderately effective	18.9	61.7	29.1	33.1	33.4	28.2
Somewhat effective	1.5	13.8	7.9	16.9	12.2	8.4
Slightly or not effective	0	6.5	0	19.0	2.0	4.4
Estimated number of members	174	18	89	91	92	466

	Corn Belt & Lake States	South and North Plains	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality						
Extremely effective	20.6	0	18.6	11.1	17.8	17.0
Very effective	40.7	18.1	38.6	8.0	20.4	29.1
Moderately effective	24.1	47.2	16.9	35.0	39.9	28.8
Somewhat effective	11.9	28.1	20.1	29.8	12.3	17.7
Slightly or not effective	2.8	6.5	5.7	16.1	9.6	7.4
Estimated number of members	167	18	89	85	88	447

	Corn Belt & Lake States	South and North Plains	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality						
Extremely effective	51.8	0	30.0	17.0	27.6	33.7
Very effective	39.6	14.5	49.1	19.0	37.5	36.0
Moderately effective	6.7	65.1	13.3	29.3	27.4	18.9
Somewhat effective	1.9	13.8	7.5	18.2	5.5	7.5
Slightly or not effective	0	6.5	0	16.5	2.0	3.9
Estimated number of members	171	18	92	94	93	469

	Corn Belt & Lake States	South and North Plains	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality						
Extremely effective	9.1	0	1.4	8.8	3.8	6.3
Very effective	12.8	9.1	13.7	3.6	10.7	10.4
Moderately effective	28.6	12.0	26.2	30.3	14.4	25.3
Somewhat effective	20.7	35.9	34.2	26.2	28.2	26.3
Slightly or not effective	28.9	43.0	24.5	31.0	43.0	31.7
Estimated number of members	159	18	74	90	75	416

	Corn Belt & Lake States	South and North Plains	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl						
Extremely effective	6.5	0	9.2	5.2	0	5.2
Very effective	8.0	0	7.3	5.2	5.0	6.4
Moderately effective	23.0	0	30.8	28.2	13.7	22.8
Somewhat effective	18.0	29.1	10.6	14.0	23.7	17.4
Slightly or not effective	44.5	70.9	42.2	47.3	57.6	48.2
Estimated number of members	151	13	80	76	88	408

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Other (Please specify)					
Extremely effective	100.0	61.6	0	24.9	36.5
Very effective	0	38.4	29.0	0	20.5
Moderately effective	0	0	10.9	0	4.4
Somewhat effective	0	0	11.5	75.1	18.7
Slightly or not effective	0	0	48.6	0	19.8
Estimated number of members	4	5	9	4	23

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

13.How familiar are you with the WRP? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
Extremely familiar	21.7	17.1	13.2	5.1	6.1	11.5	8.4	11.6
Very familiar	24.3	26.1	18.1	11.2	9.7	15.6	26.3	18.2
Moderately familiar	25.5	36.5	31.6	27.9	24.6	16.1	16.5	23.7
Somewhat familiar	14.7	10.0	21.2	19.4	32.3	18.6	24.6	20.7
Slightly or not familiar	13.9	10.4	15.9	36.4	27.3	38.2	24.2	25.8
Estimated number of members	318	127	206	265	276	406	297	1,894

14. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the WRP program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the WRP program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat								
Extremely effective	48.2	41.1	32.0	22.1	22.5	34.2	26.8	32.9
Very effective	37.8	42.6	30.8	30.3	38.7	34.5	29.2	34.6
Moderately effective	8.1	13.3	26.8	39.7	25.8	23.8	24.8	22.6
Somewhat effective	5.9	2.9	8.1	7.9	8.4	2.7	16.4	7.7
Slightly or not effective	0	0	2.3	0	4.5	4.9	2.8	2.2
Estimated number of members	268	111	170	162	198	227	217	1,354

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Protecting native species								
Extremely effective	26.5	26.3	16.6	11.5	7.1	25.6	18.7	19.3
Very effective	34.1	37.0	23.5	33.1	32.4	26.8	26.5	30.2
Moderately effective	26.1	24.2	41.0	40.3	33.2	29.8	24.7	30.9
Somewhat effective	10.9	9.3	13.9	12.8	17.6	10.0	21.7	13.9
Slightly or not effective	2.3	3.2	5.0	2.3	9.8	7.7	8.3	5.6
Estimated number of members	261	105	163	160	176	223	212	1,301

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion								
Extremely effective	14.0	30.1	9.7	9.4	3.2	6.5	8.2	10.6
Very effective	30.8	35.6	24.7	27.0	14.1	21.1	15.7	23.6
Moderately effective	30.6	19.3	37.0	35.1	35.1	33.9	30.6	32.1
Somewhat effective	15.3	9.7	18.4	18.5	25.7	27.5	23.8	20.5
Slightly or not effective	9.4	5.4	10.2	10.1	22.0	11.0	21.8	13.3
Estimated number of members	259	110	160	147	180	216	208	1,280

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality								
Extremely effective	19.4	22.8	16.9	11.4	5.8	15.3	10.0	14.3
Very effective	36.4	34.1	29.0	33.7	23.6	28.0	33.2	31.2
Moderately effective	28.7	21.4	27.6	31.2	32.3	30.5	26.5	28.7
Somewhat effective	13.2	14.1	18.6	20.4	22.0	17.4	22.3	18.2
Slightly or not effective	2.3	7.6	7.9	3.3	16.3	8.9	8.0	7.5
Estimated number of members	263	104	168	152	181	216	212	1,296

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality								
Extremely effective	36.5	33.3	21.0	15.4	6.4	16.5	11.3	20.1
Very effective	42.2	36.4	38.5	36.0	35.5	33.0	43.1	38.2
Moderately effective	11.7	21.2	27.7	29.5	34.9	31.2	26.0	25.5
Somewhat effective	9.0	6.1	7.4	17.5	15.6	12.5	14.9	12.0
Slightly or not effective	0.5	2.9	5.4	1.5	7.6	6.7	4.7	4.2
Estimated number of members	268	110	168	156	185	223	216	1,326

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality								
Extremely effective	5.4	14.8	2.5	4.1	0	4.4	1.4	4.2
Very effective	12.2	12.6	7.7	11.9	3.5	8.6	8.7	9.3
Moderately effective	23.9	21.9	18.5	32.1	19.6	33.1	20.1	24.4
Somewhat effective	20.3	29.9	37.1	21.0	24.8	23.5	32.1	26.4
Slightly or not effective	38.1	20.8	34.3	30.9	52.1	30.4	37.6	35.8
Estimated number of members	224	94	142	125	148	191	162	1,087

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl								
Extremely effective	7.3	9.6	1.7	6.8	2.9	9.2	6.6	6.4
Very effective	12.4	12.2	1.3	17.4	9.0	19.5	6.1	11.5
Moderately effective	23.1	29.1	16.7	20.7	23.4	22.7	20.4	22.0
Somewhat effective	21.5	12.9	16.3	17.3	22.4	18.6	24.2	19.8
Slightly or not effective	35.8	36.2	63.9	37.8	42.3	30.0	42.8	40.3
Estimated number of members	240	80	128	137	155	207	186	1,134

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Other (Please specify)								
Extremely effective	37.0	57.1	25.4	0	0	11.9	0	17.0
Very effective	0	0	0	100.0	42.3	7.2	33.3	20.1
Moderately effective	31.5	20.1	32.5	0	18.1	22.5	66.7	27.8
Somewhat effective	31.4	0	0	0	13.4	9.2	0	9.7
Slightly or not effective	0	22.8	42.1	0	26.2	49.3	0	25.4
Estimated number of members	10	6	4	5	7	22	8	63

15. Do the following WRP provisions or factors help or hinder the achievement of the program's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Application process								
Greatly helps	3.8	16.3	5.0	0.8	5.8	6.0	4.1	5.3
Somewhat helps	27.9	27.2	14.4	21.7	10.6	9.7	12.9	17.3
Neither helps nor hinders	30.3	34.4	45.1	32.8	34.9	50.6	36.1	38.1
Somewhat hinders	35.3	20.4	29.0	39.9	41.5	27.8	35.2	33.3
Greatly hinders	2.7	1.7	6.6	4.8	7.2	5.9	11.7	6.0
Estimated number of members	217	81	134	123	149	204	169	1,077

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Determination of easement price based on the agricultural value of the land rather than the market value of the land								
Greatly helps	2.9	15.4	2.0	7.2	3.8	5.5	2.4	4.7
Somewhat helps	19.2	28.7	21.7	21.1	5.2	17.4	10.1	16.5
Neither helps nor hinders	16.9	22.6	24.2	14.1	7.5	11.3	15.9	15.2
Somewhat hinders	51.2	31.8	44.1	36.7	51.7	41.7	53.6	46.0
Greatly hinders	9.8	1.4	8.0	20.9	31.8	24.1	17.9	17.5
Estimated number of members	229	86	134	138	176	209	188	1,161

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Length of easement (thirty years or perpetuity)								
Greatly helps	27.2	25.2	15.4	19.8	17.4	20.7	15.2	20.3
Somewhat helps	33.9	31.8	27.7	23.6	17.5	23.6	15.2	24.8
Neither helps nor hinders	16.5	19.0	12.5	14.1	13.4	25.0	18.3	17.3
Somewhat hinders	19.7	20.0	32.3	33.8	40.3	24.0	40.6	29.8
Greatly hinders	2.8	4.0	12.0	8.7	11.5	6.6	10.6	7.9
Estimated number of members	248	100	158	142	161	219	195	1,225

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Size of cost- share percentage								
Greatly helps	23.0	36.5	17.9	15.6	8.8	25.9	11.9	19.3
Somewhat helps	37.6	31.5	41.4	34.1	23.4	23.8	33.4	32.1
Neither helps nor hinders	21.4	14.6	16.6	16.3	17.2	20.4	26.9	19.8
Somewhat hinders	17.3	17.4	20.8	32.1	42.6	25.8	26.4	26.0
Greatly hinders	0.7	0	3.3	2.0	8.0	4.1	1.3	2.8
Estimated number of members	230	91	142	129	160	200	183	1,135

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. No payment to maintain previously protected wetlands								
Greatly helps	0	0	0.8	2.8	1.9	1.6	1.2	1.2
Somewhat helps	5.9	3.9	4.4	8.7	4.2	4.7	3.5	5.0
Neither helps nor hinders	31.7	30.7	22.3	18.4	24.2	41.7	33.0	29.9
Somewhat hinders	48.7	59.3	52.0	57.7	49.2	37.8	50.5	49.4
Greatly hinders	13.7	6.1	20.5	12.4	20.5	14.2	11.8	14.5
Estimated number of members	240	99	153	133	165	215	192	1,197

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Limit on the percentage of land that may be enrolled in a county (25%)								
Greatly helps	1.2	1.0	4.6	1.9	0.7	0	0	1.2
Somewhat helps	1.7	9.1	5.1	5.3	1.1	6.0	0	3.6
Neither helps nor hinders	55.5	23.5	44.2	40.9	70.2	65.8	55.6	53.4
Somewhat hinders	39.0	51.1	35.6	41.4	23.3	23.2	35.3	34.5
Greatly hinders	2.6	15.3	10.5	10.5	4.6	5.0	9.1	7.3
Estimated number of members	236	97	151	141	164	193	182	1,163

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Restrictions on land use								
Greatly helps	12.6	12.4	8.9	7.3	8.5	10.1	8.0	9.8
Somewhat helps	21.6	11.5	16.7	19.5	17.5	13.5	12.6	16.4
Neither helps nor hinders	23.5	22.9	17.4	15.4	22.5	30.0	25.6	23.1
Somewhat hinders	41.8	50.1	48.1	41.3	43.0	33.2	43.2	42.1
Greatly hinders	0.6	3.1	8.9	16.4	8.5	13.3	10.7	8.6
Estimated number of members	245	104	164	137	171	217	196	1,234

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Having program promotion at the state or local level								
Greatly helps	35.6	39.3	27.3	27.9	22.9	32.0	23.7	29.7
Somewhat helps	44.0	42.2	54.2	40.2	42.9	33.3	45.8	43.0
Neither helps nor hinders	19.2	17.2	16.0	23.7	29.2	29.4	25.5	23.2
Somewhat hinders	1.3	1.3	2.5	7.2	3.7	2.7	2.1	2.8
Greatly hinders	0	0	0	1.0	1.3	2.7	2.9	1.2
Estimated number of members	239	95	157	132	155	207	192	1,177

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
9. Other (Please specify)								
Greatly helps	69.3	11.3	0	78.6	0	0	17.1	18.3
Somewhat helps	0	13.9	23.4	0	0	0	0	3.4
Neither helps nor hinders	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.0	4.8
Somewhat hinders	0	0	0	0	0	6.6	23.0	6.4
Greatly hinders	30.7	74.8	76.6	21.4	100.0	93.4	36.9	67.0
Estimated number of members	5	9	4	7	11	16	14	66

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

16. How familiar are you with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
Extremely familiar	22.1	17.1	16.0	26.0	18.8	16.9	16.0	19.1
Very familiar	36.0	18.6	37.2	25.7	30.2	26.0	22.7	28.3
Moderately familiar	27.1	43.5	29.3	30.1	28.9	26.5	30.2	29.5
Somewhat familiar	10.4	9.4	6.8	8.9	13.6	12.8	13.9	11.3
Slightly or not familiar	4.3	11.4	10.7	9.3	8.5	17.9	17.2	11.8
Estimated number of members	310	129	200	273	271	420	299	1,901

17. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the EQIP program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the EQIP program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat								
Extremely effective	5.8	7.3	3.2	9.9	3.6	7.4	8.1	6.6
Very effective	28.6	19.3	23.0	30.6	12.5	26.5	19.6	23.5
Moderately effective	30.5	26.7	39.1	34.1	34.3	32.7	31.4	32.8
Somewhat effective	18.8	27.4	26.2	19.3	31.4	18.2	27.4	23.3
Slightly or not effective	16.3	19.2	8.5	6.1	18.1	15.3	13.5	13.8
Estimated number of members	298	111	182	238	235	312	239	1,615

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Protecting native species	5.7	6.6	2.2	7.4	3.9	6.7	5.6	5.6
Extremely effective								
Very effective	15.1	5.1	17.8	21.8	5.5	17.0	10.4	14.1
Moderately effective	30.5	27.3	32.2	38.7	21.5	34.0	29.7	31.0
Somewhat effective	23.7	39.9	33.6	20.3	38.4	20.6	31.3	28.0
Slightly or not effective	25.0	21.2	14.1	11.8	30.7	21.7	23.0	21.4
Estimated number of members	287	104	179	236	218	304	225	1,553

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion	19.2	10.9	9.5	17.1	10.1	11.1	20.8	14.5
Extremely effective								
Very effective	45.1	39.7	47.3	39.5	38.2	37.3	36.3	40.3
Moderately effective	24.2	37.2	31.1	36.0	39.4	32.8	25.8	31.8
Somewhat effective	9.1	10.2	11.2	6.1	11.1	14.3	14.6	11.1
Slightly or not effective	2.4	2.0	0.9	1.4	1.1	4.5	2.5	2.3
Estimated number of members	291	111	184	239	245	332	241	1,643

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality								
Extremely effective	14.9	10.1	7.1	14.9	16.1	13.9	18.3	14.2
Very effective	40.2	28.3	29.3	40.5	37.8	27.7	34.5	34.5
Moderately effective	26.0	30.4	37.3	32.6	28.5	41.9	29.3	32.5
Somewhat effective	13.9	22.1	20.7	10.3	15.6	12.0	15.1	14.8
Slightly or not effective	5.0	9.1	5.6	1.7	2.0	4.6	2.8	4.0
Estimated number of members	282	109	178	225	247	311	233	1,584

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality								
Extremely effective	27.1	14.2	11.2	19.9	25.7	17.9	24.6	21.0
Very effective	47.1	43.8	40.4	36.7	41.8	34.5	35.1	39.5
Moderately effective	19.8	29.4	31.4	32.3	24.2	35.7	32.8	29.3
Somewhat effective	4.6	9.7	14.5	10.6	7.6	8.6	6.4	8.4
Slightly or not effective	1.4	2.9	2.4	0.6	0.7	3.3	1.2	1.7
Estimated number of members	290	112	181	241	252	332	237	1,644

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality								
Extremely effective	7.1	5.0	1.5	6.8	3.9	7.4	7.9	6.0
Very effective	17.7	9.9	13.1	19.1	8.9	21.9	8.7	15.2
Moderately effective	22.1	18.1	29.3	39.7	20.0	42.5	22.3	29.1
Somewhat effective	23.6	30.9	28.8	20.7	36.8	18.5	24.8	25.2
Slightly or not effective	29.6	36.0	27.3	13.6	30.4	9.7	36.4	24.5
Estimated number of members	263	91	169	212	200	288	206	1,430

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl								
Extremely effective	3.0	2.6	0.9	3.2	6.4	3.9	2.6	3.4
Very effective	4.6	1.4	1.2	15.0	5.7	7.9	5.1	6.5
Moderately effective	9.8	12.7	10.8	20.5	22.5	18.4	13.0	15.8
Somewhat effective	19.6	9.4	16.6	13.5	22.1	24.1	25.5	20.0
Slightly or not effective	63.1	73.9	70.4	47.8	43.2	45.8	53.8	54.3
Estimated number of members	258	71	136	198	212	243	204	1,322

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Other (Please specify)								
Extremely effective	100.0	0	0	77.2	0	18.8	32.6	39.5
Very effective	0	41.7	0	0	20.9	0	0	8.0
Moderately effective	0	0	0	22.8	0	55.4	0	13.7
Somewhat effective	0	0	0	0	48.8	25.8	0	11.1
Slightly or not effective	0	58.3	100.0	0	30.3	0	67.4	27.7
Estimated number of members	6	5	5	11	6	6	3	42

18. Do the following EQIP provisions or factors help or hinder the achievement of the program's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Application process								
Greatly helps	1.1	11.7	2.7	6.9	1.5	2.7	6.8	4.0
Somewhat helps	18.9	16.1	10.9	19.7	14.1	12.6	19.5	16.0
Neither helps nor hinders	31.7	37.8	22.5	22.2	17.2	28.8	36.3	27.7
Somewhat hinders	31.4	25.3	47.1	35.4	45.5	39.2	28.3	36.6
Greatly hinders	16.9	9.1	16.7	15.8	21.7	16.6	9.1	15.7
Weighted number of cases	262	96	165	217	210	323	211	1,485

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Method of allocating funds to states								
Greatly helps	1.7	2.6	1.9	5.2	1.5	1.8	1.7	2.3
Somewhat helps	17.4	14.8	9.1	18.2	7.5	9.2	19.8	13.7
Neither helps nor hinders	23.3	28.7	19.3	16.2	18.7	19.5	18.8	20.0
Somewhat hinders	38.5	36.7	49.7	40.4	43.0	47.2	42.6	42.9
Greatly hinders	19.2	17.1	19.9	19.9	29.4	22.4	17.1	21.0
Weighted number of cases	245	87	148	211	191	283	194	1,359

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Method of prioritizing environmental objectives in your state								
Greatly helps	13.0	16.7	7.2	10.5	11.3	2.4	13.6	9.9
Somewhat helps	39.4	36.8	26.1	39.4	37.5	23.1	45.8	35.0
Neither helps nor hinders	11.4	17.6	13.3	15.4	15.4	20.7	12.5	15.3
Somewhat hinders	27.9	18.3	41.4	25.2	27.0	33.4	23.7	28.7
Greatly hinders	8.2	10.6	12.0	9.5	8.8	20.4	4.5	11.0
Weighted number of cases	277	107	172	233	232	323	222	1,565

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Minimum of 65% of state funds allocated to priority areas								
Greatly helps	9.3	17.1	5.7	9.5	14.1	2.5	10.8	9.1
Somewhat helps	34.4	23.2	25.9	37.2	20.3	24.9	38.8	29.8
Neither helps nor hinders	15.6	17.2	8.6	15.2	20.7	28.9	16.4	18.4
Somewhat hinders	34.7	27.6	43.2	25.4	34.2	32.5	29.0	32.4
Greatly hinders	5.9	15.0	16.6	12.7	10.7	11.2	5.1	10.4
Weighted number of cases	269	106	171	232	231	304	224	1,538

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Length of contract (5 to 10 years)								
Greatly helps	5.4	5.5	6.7	13.3	9.9	4.4	5.9	7.2
Somewhat helps	35.6	29.4	40.7	37.9	16.2	31.3	28.7	31.3
Neither helps nor hinders	35.2	20.2	30.8	27.8	44.6	35.1	33.0	33.7
Somewhat hinders	20.2	38.1	15.6	16.3	23.1	17.0	29.8	21.4
Greatly hinders	3.6	6.8	6.2	4.7	6.2	12.2	2.5	6.3
Weighted number of cases	273	101	176	227	231	317	222	1,547

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Ability for producers to bid down cost-share to be more competitive								
Greatly helps	4.0	12.6	5.1	7.5	2.2	7.0	6.4	5.9
Somewhat helps	45.6	29.4	42.6	40.7	31.2	34.5	53.8	40.1
Neither helps nor hinders	17.2	20.7	14.7	10.2	26.9	21.4	21.7	19.1
Somewhat hinders	26.4	26.0	26.9	26.3	20.1	14.6	12.9	21.2
Greatly hinders	6.8	11.4	10.7	15.3	19.6	22.4	5.2	13.7
Weighted number of cases	247	102	156	207	217	282	201	1,413

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Size of maximum annual (\$10,000/year)and total rental payments (\$50,000/total)								
Greatly helps	3.2	16.3	3.3	5.4	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.9
Somewhat helps	17.3	19.9	18.3	18.7	13.3	21.5	19.0	18.3
Neither helps nor hinders	33.0	32.0	30.2	24.0	25.7	23.1	29.2	27.6
Somewhat hinders	37.9	27.8	45.6	42.4	37.4	36.7	37.6	38.4
Greatly hinders	8.6	4.0	2.6	9.5	19.6	14.7	9.7	10.8
Weighted number of cases	259	100	164	221	220	308	217	1,490

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Percentage (50%) of funds targeted to natural resource concerns relating to livestock production								
Greatly helps	10.8	16.0	13.7	16.3	14.1	10.4	10.7	12.7
Somewhat helps	34.9	36.7	26.3	29.6	25.2	15.9	34.1	27.8
Neither helps nor hinders	23.6	21.6	22.4	31.4	27.5	32.9	24.3	27.1
Somewhat hinders	25.8	22.3	33.9	18.0	22.0	26.5	29.5	25.5
Greatly hinders	5.0	3.5	3.7	4.7	11.2	14.3	1.3	7.0
Weighted number of cases	270	97	173	224	221	313	221	1,520

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
9. No payment in first year								
Greatly helps	1.0	0	0	1.2	1.5	1.0	3.2	1.2
Somewhat helps	1.2	2.4	5.1	7.7	3.0	5.1	2.7	3.9
Neither helps nor hinders	12.2	22.8	12.4	8.8	8.0	20.8	12.4	13.6
Somewhat hinders	60.6	38.9	63.3	43.1	52.3	45.3	60.8	52.5
Greatly hinders	25.0	35.9	19.2	39.2	35.2	27.8	20.8	28.7
Weighted number of cases	252	94	162	209	211	296	196	1,420

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
10. No payment for maintenance of existing practices								
Greatly helps	0.6	0	0.7	1.2	0	0	1.5	0.6
Somewhat helps	2.4	1.0	1.0	7.3	5.7	4.0	3.9	3.9
Neither helps nor hinders	20.6	47.6	27.2	24.7	20.7	36.4	20.1	26.9
Somewhat hinders	61.1	36.7	60.1	44.1	53.2	40.5	57.5	50.9
Greatly hinders	15.3	14.7	11.0	22.8	20.4	19.1	16.9	17.7
Weighted number of cases	271	98	163	223	228	316	210	1,509

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
11. Requirement that FSA concur on policies and procedures								
Greatly helps	6.8	6.8	4.9	11.6	10.2	5.3	2.9	7.0
Somewhat helps	8.0	9.8	9.2	19.7	12.6	20.2	11.1	13.6
Neither helps nor hinders	34.6	50.2	28.0	21.8	42.0	39.5	48.4	36.9
Somewhat hinders	33.1	26.5	39.6	36.0	29.0	17.8	24.3	29.0
Greatly hinders	17.5	6.8	18.3	11.0	6.2	17.2	13.3	13.5
Weighted number of cases	252	93	162	225	219	283	203	1,436

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
12. Limit on incentive payments (3 years)								
Greatly helps	2.4	1.6	2.4	2.2	1.5	1.8	1.7	2.0
Somewhat helps	8.6	12.7	7.3	11.0	5.1	6.5	3.3	7.4
Neither helps nor hinders	27.8	42.4	32.8	29.0	29.3	43.0	42.8	34.9
Somewhat hinders	56.8	36.3	51.7	50.6	51.1	37.5	44.1	47.5
Greatly hinders	4.4	7.1	5.8	7.0	13.0	11.2	8.1	8.3
Weighted number of cases	262	90	163	203	207	278	201	1,405

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
13. Prohibition on cost-sharing animal waste storage or treatment facilities for large confined livestock operations								
Greatly helps	10.5	9.9	5.6	9.0	4.2	4.7	7.4	7.1
Somewhat helps	13.4	7.5	17.7	12.5	8.0	7.0	10.2	10.9
Neither helps nor hinders	20.6	26.6	18.0	20.8	30.4	16.4	21.9	21.6
Somewhat hinders	39.3	38.6	45.6	36.3	35.5	43.4	43.3	40.4
Greatly hinders	16.3	17.3	13.1	21.4	22.0	28.5	17.2	20.0
Weighted number of cases	262	86	166	189	211	268	215	1,396

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
14. Having program promotion at the state or local level								
Greatly helps	34.5	35.5	27.3	31.4	29.4	28.3	26.7	30.2
Somewhat helps	41.1	32.8	48.2	49.5	43.8	45.3	40.7	43.7
Neither helps nor hinders	22.5	25.7	23.7	15.1	23.2	19.4	26.0	21.8
Somewhat hinders	0.9	3.6	0.7	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.9	2.6
Greatly hinders	1.1	2.3	0	0.6	0.6	3.8	2.7	1.7
Weighted number of cases	278	98	167	210	225	293	211	1,482

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
15. Other (Please specify)								
Greatly helps	42.4	0	0	0	30.5	10.4	20.3	16.6
Neither helps nor hinders	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.1	1.5
Somewhat hinders	0	0	11.6	58.0	0	28.4	0	14.4
Greatly hinders	57.6	100.0	88.4	42.0	69.5	61.2	69.6	67.5
Weighted number of cases	14	6	11	10	9	14	12	76

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

19.How familiar are you with the WHIP? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
Extremely familiar	16.8	12.6	14.6	9.1	13.2	5.9	12.5	11.6
Very familiar	18.1	18.9	14.3	18.7	12.4	11.4	15.3	15.1
Moderately familiar	24.0	34.4	25.1	25.2	23.2	20.2	18.3	23.2
Somewhat familiar	17.5	12.8	22.5	22.5	25.2	22.6	20.1	21.1
Slightly or not familiar	23.6	21.2	23.5	24.5	26.1	39.8	33.8	29.0
Estimated number of members	318	130	204	278	281	417	305	1,933

20. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the WHIP program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the WHIP program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat								
Extremely effective	45.8	35.2	30.1	25.5	34.3	26.1	31.7	32.7
Very effective	41.4	38.1	40.9	31.9	32.9	31.4	40.8	36.5
Moderately effective	9.9	21.6	23.2	33.1	20.4	37.3	21.2	24.1
Somewhat effective	2.4	5.1	4.9	6.9	8.2	5.3	4.4	5.3
Slightly or not effective	0.5	0	0.9	2.5	4.2	0	2.0	1.5
Weighted number of cases	228	102	150	205	204	236	202	1,327

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Protecting native species								
Extremely effective	27.6	19.0	15.6	16.6	11.8	16.9	17.9	18.1
Very effective	37.9	34.5	38.2	28.8	31.9	32.4	40.9	34.8
Moderately effective	25.8	32.0	31.6	35.6	35.8	37.0	29.7	32.6
Somewhat effective	4.4	11.6	12.6	14.4	15.1	10.5	8.3	10.7
Slightly or not effective	4.3	2.9	2.0	4.6	5.3	3.3	3.3	3.8
Weighted number of cases	224	96	147	199	196	236	193	1,290

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion								
Extremely effective	15.5	7.7	3.6	3.8	1.7	4.7	6.3	6.3
Very effective	31.8	36.8	19.4	26.9	21.8	22.8	27.1	26.2
Moderately effective	31.3	26.8	43.0	42.8	39.9	42.3	30.9	37.3
Somewhat effective	17.8	15.8	30.2	18.9	23.8	22.6	25.0	22.1
Slightly or not effective	3.6	13.0	3.8	7.6	12.8	7.6	10.8	8.1
Weighted number of cases	222	100	148	191	193	236	187	1,278

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality								
Extremely effective	9.4	5.7	3.7	4.1	2.1	6.6	4.7	5.3
Very effective	26.0	21.1	9.5	24.8	19.2	14.1	16.1	18.9
Moderately effective	31.5	29.8	45.0	32.0	31.8	46.7	36.1	36.5
Somewhat effective	26.3	23.9	32.1	26.5	27.2	24.5	27.8	26.9
Slightly or not effective	6.7	19.5	9.7	12.6	19.8	8.1	15.3	12.5
Weighted number of cases	218	97	148	183	194	219	175	1,234

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality								
Extremely effective	17.8	11.5	3.7	7.7	3.3	10.0	6.3	8.9
Very effective	30.7	40.0	20.5	29.4	33.1	29.2	25.3	29.3
Moderately effective	32.0	23.7	44.4	34.6	33.1	42.6	36.7	36.0
Somewhat effective	16.0	18.3	26.7	20.8	18.3	13.2	23.2	19.0
Slightly or not effective	3.6	6.4	4.6	7.6	12.1	5.0	8.5	6.8
Weighted number of cases	219	98	148	193	186	240	191	1,276

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality								
Extremely effective	4.4	1.5	0.7	1.4	0	1.9	4.4	2.2
Very effective	12.5	12.9	5.1	10.6	6.9	15.2	7.4	10.4
Moderately effective	20.3	23.3	29.5	28.1	24.7	35.5	11.2	25.1
Somewhat effective	22.9	30.1	30.5	31.7	14.8	27.1	26.5	25.9
Slightly or not effective	39.9	32.1	34.2	28.1	53.7	20.4	50.5	36.4
Weighted number of cases	207	81	135	163	149	213	151	1,099

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl								
Extremely effective	4.3	1.5	0	8.6	0.8	2.0	0.6	2.7
Very effective	6.4	2.8	0	7.7	5.7	8.6	7.2	6.1
Moderately effective	11.5	14.1	13.2	16.4	27.7	19.3	12.3	16.7
Somewhat effective	24.3	20.0	19.8	10.9	21.5	23.0	19.2	20.1
Slightly or not effective	53.5	61.5	67.0	56.4	44.3	47.1	60.6	54.4
Weighted number of cases	207	80	114	161	173	202	171	1,107

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Other (Please specify)								
Extremely effective	52.4	27.5	50.0	66.7	25.0	12.2	26.3	36.8
Very effective	47.6	0	50.0	33.3	0	18.5	0	21.6
Moderately effective	0	0	0	0	0	57.1	0	14.1
Somewhat effective	0	0	0	0	28.5	12.2	0	6.4
Slightly or not effective	0	72.5	0	0	46.6	0	73.7	21.0
Weighted number of cases	5	4	2	8	4	9	4	35

21. Do the following WHIP provisions or factors help or hinder the achievement of the program's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Application process								
Greatly helps	6.2	23.5	5.9	10.5	8.4	2.0	5.6	7.6
Somewhat helps	26.2	18.5	20.2	18.6	20.0	13.2	22.0	19.9
Neither helps nor hinders	39.2	37.6	50.2	36.7	45.0	48.5	41.1	42.9
Somewhat hinders	27.9	17.2	21.0	27.9	23.8	26.5	28.1	25.5
Greatly hinders	0.6	3.2	2.7	6.3	2.8	9.8	3.2	4.2
Estimated number of members	199	82	138	162	172	199	154	1,106

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Length of contract (5 to 10 years)								
Greatly helps	7.6	8.8	5.8	17.1	9.7	5.3	5.0	8.5
Somewhat helps	41.2	41.4	47.0	30.7	23.6	23.9	35.4	33.7
Neither helps nor hinders	35.1	32.0	29.4	28.9	41.4	39.8	37.4	35.4
Somewhat hinders	16.0	16.8	17.8	20.6	21.8	23.8	21.6	20.1
Greatly hinders	0	1.1	0	2.7	3.5	7.2	0.6	2.4
Estimated number of members	213	91	151	183	192	213	176	1,219

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Size of cost-share percentage								
Greatly helps	3.8	16.6	8.2	7.3	7.5	4.1	5.8	6.7
Somewhat helps	54.7	51.1	47.7	38.7	30.7	31.5	44.2	41.6
Neither helps nor hinders	16.8	11.1	17.3	13.8	23.6	25.3	17.6	18.7
Somewhat hinders	24.7	18.6	25.6	36.7	34.6	29.4	31.2	29.6
Greatly hinders	0	2.6	1.2	3.6	3.6	9.7	1.3	3.4
Estimated number of members	201	86	144	181	185	216	175	1,188

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. No payment for maintenance of existing practices								
Greatly helps	0.7	0	0.8	2.6	0	0	0	0.6
Somewhat helps	0	4.5	4.3	6.1	5.3	4.3	1.9	3.7
Neither helps nor hinders	26.7	43.3	27.3	19.2	27.1	36.5	16.7	27.2
Somewhat hinders	63.7	39.5	64.1	56.9	54.5	48.8	71.0	57.9
Greatly hinders	8.9	12.6	3.4	15.2	13.1	10.4	10.3	10.6
Estimated number of members	209	90	144	185	188	221	178	1,216

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Lack of annual rental payments								
Greatly helps	0.5	0	0	1.4	1.7	0	0	0.6
Somewhat helps	0	5.1	2.7	9.0	3.5	2.7	1.3	3.2
Neither helps nor hinders	26.8	32.6	28.8	20.2	19.0	39.0	26.5	27.4
Somewhat hinders	62.8	41.0	57.5	48.9	56.3	45.1	58.8	53.8
Greatly hinders	9.9	21.3	11.0	20.5	19.4	13.2	13.3	15.0
Estimated number of members	211	91	143	166	181	201	176	1,168

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Having program promotion at the state or local level								
Greatly helps	40.0	41.2	26.8	31.7	29.1	27.7	24.7	31.2
Somewhat helps	39.8	38.6	55.3	40.8	44.0	37.4	50.9	43.6
Neither helps nor hinders	17.4	17.4	17.9	22.8	22.6	22.7	21.1	20.5
Somewhat hinders	1.4	2.8	0	4.0	4.3	4.9	1.6	2.8
Greatly hinders	1.4	0	0	0.7	0	7.4	1.6	1.9
Estimated number of members	213	88	146	176	191	204	172	1,190

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Other (Please specify)								
Greatly helps	24.2	0	0	60.0	11.1	0	0	17.5
Neither helps nor hinders	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.6	5.4
Somewhat hinders	0	0	0	0	0	0	16.0	3.8
Greatly hinders	75.8	100.0	100.0	40.0	88.9	100.0	61.4	73.3
Estimated number of members	7	2	3	13	9	11	14	59

Farmland Protection Program (FPP)

22.Does your state have an FPP program? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
Yes	29.6	0	12.9	24.2	71.7	30.7	25.0	30.9
No	25.5	30.5	30.3	18.7	2.5	14.5	25.3	19.6
Don't know	44.9	69.5	56.9	57.1	25.8	54.8	49.7	49.6
Estimated number of members	310	122	204	268	279	405	301	1,889

23.How familiar are you with the FPP program? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
Extremely familiar	8.9	0	6.2	8.7	10.8	8.9	6.6	8.6
Very familiar	10.9	9.8	1.9	4.0	16.8	9.0	7.8	10.1
Moderately familiar	18.9	7.8	11.9	18.6	16.4	13.6	22.6	16.8
Somewhat familiar	19.6	0	27.2	23.1	31.3	18.1	16.0	22.4
Slightly or not familiar	41.7	82.3	52.9	45.5	24.7	50.4	47.0	42.1
Estimated number of members	127	23	53	108	216	174	105	806

24. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the FPP program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the FPP program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat					
Extremely effective	31.9	6.7	7.7	6.6	8.7
Very effective	0	21.6	13.7	23.8	18.5
Moderately effective	37.6	31.6	26.4	37.3	31.5
Somewhat effective	17.9	31.9	34.5	23.1	30.5
Slightly or not effective	12.7	8.2	17.7	9.1	10.9
Estimated number of members	19	155	65	35	274

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Protecting native species					
Extremely effective	31.9	5.4	6.1	6.6	7.6
Very effective	0	9.3	9.2	17.4	9.7
Moderately effective	25.8	32.8	30.8	17.6	29.8
Somewhat effective	5.9	23.3	26.9	46.3	25.9
Slightly or not effective	36.4	29.2	27.0	12.2	27.0
Estimated number of members	19	149	65	35	268

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion					
Extremely effective	31.9	9.1	6.1	0	8.8
Very effective	12.7	21.0	9.3	42.3	20.4
Moderately effective	18.4	39.3	46.5	36.8	39.3
Somewhat effective	12.7	23.0	31.8	12.1	23.0
Slightly or not effective	24.4	7.5	6.3	8.8	8.6
Estimated number of members	19	160	65	35	280

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality					
Extremely effective	31.9	8.9	6.1	3.7	9.2
Very effective	0	16.6	5.7	19.4	13.2
Moderately effective	18.4	35.2	42.1	65.2	39.3
Somewhat effective	37.1	31.0	39.8	11.7	31.2
Slightly or not effective	12.7	8.3	6.3	0	7.1
Estimated number of members	19	159	65	33	277

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality					
Extremely effective	31.9	10.7	6.1	0	9.7
Very effective	12.7	21.4	11.8	41.4	21.0
Moderately effective	18.4	40.3	43.6	47.0	40.4
Somewhat effective	24.4	18.1	33.9	11.7	21.5
Slightly or not effective	12.7	9.5	4.7	0	7.4
Estimated number of members	19	159	65	35	278

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality					
Extremely effective	36.5	5.0	6.1	0	6.8
Very effective	0	14.3	1.6	14.7	10.1
Moderately effective	21.0	18.1	43.0	33.3	26.6
Somewhat effective	0	24.7	37.0	23.2	26.1
Slightly or not effective	42.5	37.8	12.4	28.9	30.4
Estimated number of members	17	138	65	31	251

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl					
Extremely effective	50.2	55.5	25.4	29.9	45.2
Very effective	0	21.2	27.1	46.2	24.1
Moderately effective	24.4	13.1	26.6	11.3	16.7
Somewhat effective	0	7.3	4.8	3.4	5.8
Slightly or not effective	25.4	3.0	16.1	9.1	8.2
Estimated number of members	19	168	65	35	287

	Northeast	Pacific	Total
8. Other (Please specify)			
Extremely effective	73.3	0	62.9
Very effective	26.7	0	22.9
Moderately effective	0	100.0	14.2
Estimated number of members	9	1	10

25. Do the following FPP provisions or factors help or hinder the achievement of the program's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Application process					
Greatly helps	0	0.8	6.1	0	2.0
Somewhat helps	0	20.0	10.4	18.1	15.7
Neither helps nor hinders	12.7	30.8	55.7	55.4	38.8
Somewhat hinders	69.4	35.8	15.7	15.6	30.8
Greatly hinders	17.9	12.6	12.1	10.9	12.7
Estimated number of members	19	137	65	29	251

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Permanent easements rather than limited year contracts					
Greatly helps	13.2	34.2	31.5	19.5	30.3
Somewhat helps	11.1	31.0	18.5	41.4	28.0
Neither helps nor hinders	25.4	11.2	25.9	15.4	16.2
Somewhat hinders	37.7	17.4	12.5	14.5	17.3
Greatly hinders	12.7	6.1	11.6	9.1	8.3
Estimated number of members	19	158	65	35	277

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Size of federal contribution (up to 50%)					
Greatly helps	0	23.0	28.2	18.1	22.1
Somewhat helps	13.2	29.3	27.0	31.3	27.9
Neither helps nor hinders	29.6	8.9	17.8	16.2	13.2
Somewhat hinders	57.2	32.0	16.1	34.4	30.3
Greatly hinders	0	6.8	10.9	0	6.4
Estimated number of members	19	163	65	35	282

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Requirement that a state, local, or tribal government program sponsor be in existence					
Greatly helps	5.2	27.8	18.0	3.0	21.0
Somewhat helps	45.0	25.3	14.1	59.6	28.3
Neither helps nor hinders	12.7	32.6	15.5	16.0	25.3
Somewhat hinders	37.1	13.5	45.9	18.2	23.0
Greatly hinders	0	0.8	6.5	3.1	2.3
Estimated number of members	19	159	62	33	273

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Requirement that land is prime, unique, or productive					
Greatly helps	0	26.3	7.7	16.1	18.8
Somewhat helps	43.6	34.1	24.1	23.5	31.0
Neither helps nor hinders	25.4	20.1	31.3	15.0	22.4
Somewhat hinders	31.1	18.4	30.9	41.8	25.2
Greatly hinders	0	1.2	6.1	3.6	2.5
Estimated number of members	19	158	65	35	277

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Having program promotion at the state or local level					
Greatly helps	24.2	48.1	35.4	20.6	40.0
Somewhat helps	37.7	25.3	31.5	57.0	31.6
Neither helps nor hinders	38.0	24.6	21.5	22.4	24.5
Somewhat hinders	0	0	3.2	0	0.8
Greatly hinders	0	2.0	8.4	0	3.1
Estimated number of members	19	156	65	35	276

	Northeast	Pacific	Total
7. Other (Please specify)			
Greatly helps	56.8	79.2	64.7
Neither helps nor hinders	0	20.8	7.3
Somewhat hinders	35.0	0	22.7
Greatly hinders	8.2	0	5.3
Estimated number of members	13	7	20

Conservation Plans for USDA Conservation Programs

26.Consider the conservation plans that producers are required to adopt for various USDA conservation programs. How effective, if at all, are these conservation plans in addressing the following areas?
(Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Opportunities for conserving natural resources on entire agricultural operations								
Extremely effective	10.3	12.9	3.3	12.8	4.3	11.4	11.9	9.5
Very effective	27.6	26.5	31.7	29.7	35.8	26.4	34.9	30.4
Moderately effective	39.7	36.4	40.1	32.0	31.5	34.6	35.7	35.5
Somewhat effective	16.9	12.8	19.9	17.5	16.6	16.7	16.4	16.9
Slightly or not effective	5.6	11.3	5.1	8.0	11.8	11.0	1.1	7.6
Estimated number of members	294	107	199	245	257	333	254	1,689

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Opportunities for improving the profitability of entire agricultural operations								
Extremely effective	5.8	13.5	2.5	3.5	3.7	2.4	1.3	3.9
Very effective	12.2	12.8	19.8	26.4	19.3	14.5	29.2	19.4
Moderately effective	39.2	40.7	36.9	33.9	33.7	32.7	31.6	35.0
Somewhat effective	29.7	17.2	27.0	28.9	25.4	28.8	28.5	27.5
Slightly or not effective	13.2	15.9	13.8	7.2	17.9	21.5	9.4	14.2
Estimated number of members	283	95	190	239	233	292	245	1,578

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Long-term strategies for addressing the needs of entire agricultural operations								
Extremely effective	8.2	13.6	6.4	9.7	7.8	5.3	4.3	7.3
Very effective	25.2	23.6	30.5	29.4	24.8	27.3	32.3	27.8
Moderately effective	30.2	35.7	28.0	34.5	34.6	28.0	34.5	31.8
Somewhat effective	24.3	15.3	27.1	13.9	14.8	19.7	22.6	20.0
Slightly or not effective	12.2	11.8	8.0	12.4	17.9	19.7	6.3	13.1
Estimated number of members	283	102	194	237	241	309	240	1,606

27.If you responded 'extremely effective' or 'slightly or not effective,' please explain the reason(s) for your response(s) below.

-- if extremely effective:

--- if slightly or not effective:

Land Maintenance and Conservation Practices

28.Consider lands in your state for which CRP contracts have expired and have not been renewed. To what extent, if any, are these lands being used in the following ways? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Forestry								
Very great extent	0	16.6	1.8	0.8	0	1.6	24.0	6.5
Great extent	8.0	39.8	1.8	3.3	7.1	4.1	35.0	13.8
Moderate extent	9.3	21.6	7.2	11.8	19.5	9.6	17.4	13.0
Some extent	46.1	16.1	9.2	20.5	41.2	8.6	15.6	24.4
Little or no extent	36.5	5.9	80.1	63.6	32.3	76.1	8.0	42.3
Estimated number of members	221	81	147	118	101	98	178	943

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Grazing/haying								
Very great extent	0.7	3.0	3.3	7.7	1.3	3.2	1.8	2.8
Great extent	15.5	19.8	22.7	23.3	7.5	24.2	15.6	18.3
Moderate extent	36.9	36.0	44.0	37.8	28.3	34.5	41.3	37.7
Some extent	35.7	28.2	28.4	28.8	52.6	27.5	33.5	33.4
Little or no extent	11.2	13.1	1.5	2.4	10.2	10.6	7.9	7.8
Estimated number of members	241	76	167	147	105	114	158	1,008

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Crop production								
Very great extent	17.2	1.3	16.2	3.6	4.5	11.0	0	9.1
Great extent	49.4	2.3	37.3	37.4	20.1	19.1	9.1	29.3
Moderate extent	25.6	22.5	28.3	36.5	34.3	30.5	25.4	28.9
Some extent	6.1	41.1	16.7	19.2	36.8	31.4	40.7	23.9
Little or no extent	1.7	32.8	1.6	3.2	4.3	8.0	24.8	8.8
Estimated number of members	244	78	167	156	109	119	158	1,032

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Commercial development(non- agricultural)								
Very great extent	3.1	0	0	3.7	5.2	4.2	3.6	3.0
Great extent	9.7	0	0.9	4.5	22.6	2.2	9.8	7.6
Moderate extent	20.2	17.8	7.2	17.6	10.0	10.8	26.1	16.5
Some extent	32.7	44.6	18.7	20.5	36.4	21.4	40.3	30.2
Little or no extent	34.2	37.7	73.1	53.8	25.8	61.3	20.1	42.7
Estimated number of members	214	66	132	139	106	94	148	899

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Other (Please specify)							
Very great extent	0	50.0	0	0	26.8	0	6.8
Great extent	11.4	50.0	28.6	100.0	0	100.0	26.0
Moderate extent	42.9	0	49.1	0	0	0	29.0
Some extent	31.7	0	22.3	0	73.2	0	30.7
Little or no extent	13.9	0	0	0	0	0	7.4
Estimated number of members	19	2	4	3	5	2	36

29. In your opinion, do producers/landowners in your state either discontinue or avoid desirable conservation practices in order to qualify for USDA conservation programs? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. CRP General Signup								
Definitely yes	10.7	0	10.6	1.5	3.6	2.0	1.9	5.0
Probably yes	28.9	12.4	33.4	19.8	10.3	7.7	17.9	19.3
Probably no	48.2	59.9	50.9	60.1	60.4	66.2	61.1	57.5
Definitely no	12.3	27.7	5.1	18.6	25.7	24.1	19.1	18.2
Estimated number of members	261	82	154	153	185	197	179	1,212

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. CRP Continuous Signup								
Definitely yes	10.1	0	6.0	1.6	0	2.1	1.4	3.8
Probably yes	25.5	6.3	22.0	11.6	12.6	5.3	11.4	14.8
Probably no	49.4	70.4	66.1	66.3	60.9	67.8	61.5	61.5
Definitely no	15.0	23.3	5.9	20.4	26.5	24.8	25.7	19.9
Estimated number of members	266	80	150	144	180	191	172	1,182

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. CREP								
Definitely yes	2.9	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0.8
Probably yes	20.1	10.2	13.8	9.4	16.8	6.9	10.2	13.5
Probably no	59.9	65.1	79.0	75.3	59.7	69.5	59.3	65.3
Definitely no	17.1	24.6	7.1	15.2	22.8	23.6	30.5	20.4
Estimated number of members	208	39	90	84	147	154	124	846

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. WRP								
Definitely yes	1.9	0	0	0	0	2.5	0	0.9
Probably yes	19.8	8.6	17.4	9.3	3.1	6.6	5.9	10.7
Probably no	53.7	57.5	73.1	75.2	71.8	65.7	64.5	65.3
Definitely no	24.6	34.0	9.5	15.5	25.1	25.1	29.6	23.1
Estimated number of members	241	82	144	135	159	198	165	1,124

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. EQIP								
Definitely yes	1.9	3.8	0	0	1.2	5.3	0.7	1.9
Probably yes	14.7	8.8	23.4	9.4	19.5	6.5	15.8	14.0
Probably no	67.6	58.0	66.9	68.9	59.6	64.0	58.2	63.8
Definitely no	15.8	29.4	9.8	21.7	19.7	24.1	25.4	20.3
Estimated number of members	235	83	152	180	203	238	177	1,268

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. WHIP								
Definitely yes	0.7	0	0	0	1.1	1.9	0	0.7
Probably yes	12.5	5.6	7.1	7.9	6.6	6.7	5.7	7.8
Probably no	64.0	69.8	81.6	69.4	65.5	62.3	62.4	67.0
Definitely no	22.8	24.6	11.2	22.7	26.8	29.1	31.9	24.6
Estimated number of members	221	72	140	159	178	211	163	1,145

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. FFP								
Definitely yes	0	0	0	0	0.8	3.1	0	0.8
Probably yes	9.7	12.9	7.9	4.5	1.9	4.0	5.9	5.5
Probably no	55.0	72.3	81.8	79.5	67.1	72.8	56.0	68.0
Definitely no	35.3	14.8	10.3	15.9	30.1	20.1	38.1	25.8
Estimated number of members	121	24	59	94	163	128	78	666

30. If you responded 'definitely yes' or 'probably yes', how could the program(s) be modified to discourage this? In your response, please provide the name of the program(s) for which you are responding.

Conservation Compliance/Sodbuster/Swampbuster Provisions

31. Currently in your state, how effective, if at all, are the conservation compliance/sodbuster/swampbuster provisions of The Food Security Act (Farm Bill) of 1985 in protecting highly erodible lands and wetlands? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Conservation compliance								
Extremely effective	8.5	9.0	2.8	5.4	5.8	4.3	3.6	5.6
Very effective	28.7	43.6	33.2	23.9	26.9	33.8	49.0	33.7
Moderately effective	29.1	31.4	35.9	41.5	35.0	28.5	28.0	32.2
Somewhat effective	19.9	10.1	22.0	17.0	25.4	20.7	16.4	19.5
Slightly or not effective	13.7	6.0	6.0	12.2	6.8	12.6	3.0	9.1
Estimated number of members	250	97	150	162	188	232	206	1,284

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Sodbuster								
Extremely effective	7.0	17.2	4.6	3.0	6.5	2.8	7.2	6.2
Very effective	28.6	27.2	31.4	24.8	22.5	33.7	45.3	31.0
Moderately effective	30.6	34.2	29.9	31.0	30.0	33.5	23.0	30.0
Somewhat effective	17.3	19.4	23.7	23.2	31.0	19.0	18.5	21.5
Slightly or not effective	16.5	2.0	10.4	18.0	10.1	11.0	6.1	11.3
Estimated number of members	238	89	148	147	184	213	194	1,212

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Swampbuster								
Extremely effective	12.8	15.7	11.0	2.4	6.6	2.7	12.0	8.9
Very effective	29.4	38.2	27.4	24.4	26.7	30.6	40.3	31.0
Moderately effective	22.1	29.5	32.7	32.0	29.7	32.9	23.8	28.4
Somewhat effective	21.8	9.7	21.1	27.7	27.4	24.7	18.2	22.1
Slightly or not effective	13.9	6.9	7.8	13.4	9.6	9.1	5.7	9.7
Estimated number of members	250	103	151	136	196	221	213	1,270

32.If you responded 'extremely effective' or 'slightly or not effective' for any provision in Question 31, please indicate for which provision(s) you are responding and explain the reason(s) for your response(s) below.

-- if extremely effective:

-- if slightly or not effective:

Program Assistance

33. In your opinion, does your state have enough NRCS technical assistance available for the following programs? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. CRP General Signup								
Much more than enough	1.6	3.7	3.0	2.1	2.2	0	0	1.6
More than enough	3.8	2.9	3.1	0.7	9.5	7.4	2.6	4.4
Enough	32.4	29.7	35.1	37.4	48.3	32.1	32.8	35.7
Less than enough	44.9	54.4	38.3	44.9	31.0	30.1	36.6	38.9
Much less than enough	17.3	9.3	20.4	14.9	9.0	30.4	28.0	19.4
Estimated number of members	282	98	180	213	225	243	234	1,476

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. CRP Continuous Signup								
Much more than enough	2.1	3.9	2.3	2.1	2.2	0	1.0	1.7
More than enough	3.3	3.0	3.2	1.1	7.0	7.4	3.0	4.1
Enough	27.9	36.9	37.8	37.6	42.2	30.9	33.1	34.6
Less than enough	40.8	46.6	37.5	43.4	37.0	29.9	33.1	37.5
Much less than enough	25.8	9.6	19.2	15.7	11.6	31.8	29.7	22.0
Estimated number of members	278	95	179	212	223	243	232	1,462

	Corn Belt & Lake States	South and North Plains	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. CREP (if applicable)						
Much more than enough	1.7	0	0	0	0	0.5
More than enough	5.0	0	2.0	5.1	2.9	4.0
Enough	23.5	57.8	30.4	24.6	16.4	25.3
Less than enough	38.9	27.3	41.7	29.2	34.1	34.9
Much less than enough	30.9	14.9	25.9	41.0	46.7	35.3
Estimated number of members	181	26	92	185	98	581

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. WRP								
Much more than enough	2.1	5.6	1.7	2.3	1.7	0	0	1.5
More than enough	5.0	1.0	6.5	1.0	8.5	7.9	4.9	5.4
Enough	33.8	24.1	29.3	33.1	35.7	16.2	23.5	27.9
Less than enough	36.4	44.8	43.9	37.6	37.7	38.3	38.6	38.9
Much less than enough	22.7	24.4	18.7	26.0	16.4	37.6	32.9	26.2
Estimated number of members	265	97	173	200	214	265	227	1,442

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. EQIP								
Much more than enough	3.1	5.3	0.9	1.2	0.7	0.5	1.2	1.5
More than enough	2.4	1.0	4.1	1.7	3.7	5.5	3.0	3.3
Enough	27.8	26.0	26.7	22.8	20.7	19.0	21.1	23.0
Less than enough	39.3	38.6	41.1	36.4	40.7	32.4	34.6	37.2
Much less than enough	27.4	29.2	27.3	37.9	34.2	42.6	40.2	35.0
Estimated number of members	273	103	185	253	248	304	238	1,604

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. WHIP								
Much more than enough	2.2	4.0	1.7	1.3	1.6	0	0	1.3
More than enough	5.8	3.1	2.8	1.2	5.4	5.2	2.6	3.9
Enough	37.7	34.5	34.8	32.6	35.6	25.6	31.6	32.9
Less than enough	35.6	42.1	43.4	37.4	42.6	32.8	33.3	37.5
Much less than enough	18.7	16.3	17.4	27.5	14.8	36.4	32.6	24.5
Estimated number of members	257	91	176	235	234	266	226	1,485

34. In your opinion, overall, what is the quality of the technical assistance that NRCS provides in your state? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
Excellent	24.0	18.5	14.3	21.5	23.9	24.7	22.6	22.2
Good	53.0	45.4	54.7	49.5	61.0	48.3	46.0	51.2
Fair	17.3	28.8	22.2	21.0	13.3	15.8	23.8	19.3
Poor	0.4	2.3	5.8	3.5	0	0.4	1.5	1.7
Very poor	0.9	0	0	0.8	0.7	2.4	0	0.9
Don't know	4.4	4.9	3.0	3.7	1.1	8.4	6.1	4.8
Estimated number of members	310	128	200	267	271	398	292	1,865

35. How effective, if at all, are the USDA conservation programs in assisting farming operations of the following sizes in your state in addressing environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Small Operations (gross farming revenues of less than \$100,000)								
Extremely effective	4.6	5.7	2.3	5.4	3.1	7.7	4.3	4.9
Very effective	27.2	32.8	23.4	25.8	31.4	20.5	35.3	27.5
Moderately effective	35.5	22.5	36.3	35.7	29.0	34.8	32.4	33.2
Somewhat effective	21.6	25.9	25.6	22.2	30.8	24.0	23.1	24.6
Slightly or not effective	11.0	13.2	12.3	11.0	5.7	12.9	4.9	9.9
Estimated number of members	240	93	166	203	221	287	216	1,426

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Medium Operations (gross farming revenues of \$100,000 - \$500,000)								
Extremely effective	3.6	3.4	0	3.3	3.9	4.4	4.9	3.5
Very effective	38.2	33.2	29.2	30.1	33.9	24.7	33.4	31.6
Moderately effective	37.3	42.9	51.8	50.1	46.0	41.8	44.6	44.5
Somewhat effective	18.5	19.5	15.8	13.4	15.4	26.1	17.0	18.4
Slightly or not effective	2.4	1.1	3.2	3.2	0.8	3.0	0	2.0
Estimated number of members	238	94	163	192	217	277	206	1,388

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Large Operations (gross farming revenues greater than \$500,000)								
Extremely effective	3.3	5.1	1.0	2.2	5.9	9.0	4.1	4.6
Very effective	26.3	37.0	22.8	22.2	21.4	15.9	19.2	22.2
Moderately effective	35.7	31.7	40.2	44.6	34.7	36.6	48.2	39.1
Somewhat effective	24.5	22.2	21.7	19.4	31.9	17.7	21.6	22.7
Slightly or not effective	10.2	4.0	14.2	11.7	6.1	20.9	6.8	11.4
Estimated number of members	228	90	161	184	202	253	198	1,315

36.Are all sizes of operations receiving adequate assistance in addressing your state's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
Yes	27.2	22.9	22.1	29.6	30.1	19.0	30.7	25.9
No	48.0	41.0	48.8	40.9	44.5	47.6	30.1	43.2
Don't know	24.9	36.1	29.1	29.6	25.4	33.4	39.1	30.9
Estimated number of members	299	126	201	272	269	400	281	1,848

36a.Please briefly describe below which operations are not receiving adequate assistance and the reason(s) for this.

37. In your experience, overall, how effective, if at all, are the USDA conservation programs in assisting the following types of operations in your state in addressing environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Field crops								
Extremely effective	9.5	11.9	0.7	4.1	2.0	6.4	7.4	5.8
Very effective	48.6	39.2	43.6	45.2	31.7	29.0	39.4	39.2
Moderately effective	36.7	30.2	32.9	36.1	44.1	37.2	32.3	36.3
Somewhat effective	4.1	16.7	17.8	13.7	17.4	19.9	20.4	15.4
Slightly or not effective	1.2	1.9	5.0	0.9	4.8	7.5	0.5	3.3
Estimated number of members	277	104	181	236	236	304	235	1,573

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Specialty crops								
Extremely effective	1.7	2.1	0	1.2	1.3	4.7	0	1.8
Very effective	14.9	12.4	6.6	19.7	11.3	14.4	14.4	13.8
Moderately effective	29.3	21.0	28.0	34.9	32.2	18.3	39.5	29.2
Somewhat effective	35.3	36.4	44.9	32.9	36.1	34.9	34.8	36.0
Slightly or not effective	18.8	28.2	20.5	11.3	19.1	27.7	11.3	19.2
Estimated number of members	234	85	147	196	219	278	203	1,361

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Small confined animal feeding operations								
Extremely effective	4.4	2.8	0.6	2.8	3.0	3.6	2.6	3.0
Very effective	22.5	30.1	15.7	24.6	32.2	21.1	43.6	27.0
Moderately effective	39.9	39.9	45.0	30.8	44.4	34.3	37.1	38.4
Somewhat effective	27.7	22.2	25.7	30.9	16.3	24.0	13.1	22.8
Slightly or not effective	5.5	5.1	13.0	10.8	4.0	17.1	3.7	8.8
Estimated number of members	262	88	178	206	228	278	233	1,474

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Large confined animal feeding operations								
Extremely effective	1.8	6.7	1.0	1.9	0.9	3.5	1.6	2.1
Very effective	18.9	29.2	10.8	11.6	20.0	16.0	24.6	17.9
Moderately effective	32.3	35.8	31.7	33.2	45.3	19.4	42.4	33.5
Somewhat effective	23.4	18.9	30.2	28.5	22.7	27.1	26.3	25.8
Slightly or not effective	23.5	9.4	26.3	24.9	11.1	34.1	5.1	20.6
Estimated number of members	251	70	163	189	191	260	214	1,339

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Combined crop/animal operations								
Extremely effective	2.4	6.5	0	3.8	2.6	4.2	3.0	3.0
Very effective	27.3	31.0	21.0	26.2	30.9	20.9	35.5	27.3
Moderately effective	53.6	44.1	53.7	43.1	49.6	38.4	45.8	47.0
Somewhat effective	15.5	12.8	17.9	24.7	14.8	27.4	14.3	18.8
Slightly or not effective	1.2	5.5	7.4	2.2	2.1	9.1	1.3	3.9
Estimated number of members	270	84	176	213	231	263	236	1,472

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Grazing								
Extremely effective	5.2	2.4	1.3	9.3	3.4	3.9	3.6	4.4
Very effective	26.9	39.1	30.9	30.6	21.5	33.2	30.1	29.6
Moderately effective	39.5	30.7	38.3	39.9	49.9	32.5	40.8	39.2
Somewhat effective	20.4	23.0	21.9	17.1	15.9	26.1	19.9	20.6
Slightly or not effective	8.0	4.9	7.7	3.1	9.4	4.3	5.6	6.1
Estimated number of members	260	95	183	233	230	305	225	1,529

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Forestry								
Extremely effective	1.2	5.4	3.1	3.5	1.4	1.2	4.6	2.6
Very effective	15.7	24.2	14.9	16.0	7.5	11.7	26.2	16.1
Moderately effective	30.3	33.3	23.4	31.3	20.6	29.7	26.5	27.5
Somewhat effective	33.2	29.9	32.0	25.3	39.4	29.0	28.3	31.3
Slightly or not effective	19.5	7.2	26.6	23.9	31.1	28.5	14.3	22.4
Estimated number of members	233	98	135	145	218	228	234	1,291

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Other (Please specify)								
Extremely effective	24.4	0	0	19.3	0	0	0	6.7
Very effective	10.0	0	0	0	0	52.6	22.6	19.4
Moderately effective	28.5	23.4	0	46.7	14.3	0	17.5	17.6
Somewhat effective	0	0	46.7	33.9	42.9	30.1	22.6	25.5
Slightly or not effective	37.1	76.6	53.3	0	42.9	17.3	37.4	30.8
Estimated number of members	11	4	6	10	7	18	12	69

38.Are all types of operations receiving adequate assistance in addressing your state's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
Yes	25.3	28.5	20.6	29.1	23.7	19.9	25.5	24.1
No	50.6	38.5	54.1	48.0	51.5	45.1	37.8	46.8
Don't know	24.0	33.0	25.3	22.9	24.8	35.0	36.7	29.1
Estimated number of members	292	118	205	254	264	404	283	1,819

38a. Please briefly describe below which operations are not receiving adequate assistance and the reason(s) for this.

Effect on Economy of Rural Communities

39. What is the overall impact, if any, of the following USDA conservation programs on the local economies in your state's rural communities? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. CRP General Signup								
Very positive	15.0	18.5	18.3	18.4	2.0	6.1	12.2	12.3
Somewhat positive	50.9	63.4	43.6	44.6	35.0	34.2	59.7	46.3
No impact	14.3	10.9	5.3	6.1	50.5	35.0	21.6	21.7
Somewhat negative	19.3	7.2	27.8	20.4	9.2	20.0	5.9	16.3
Very negative	0.6	0	5.0	10.5	3.3	4.6	0.5	3.5
Estimated number of members	250	93	176	160	189	206	193	1,267

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. CRP Continuous Signup								
Very positive	14.4	13.7	10.8	12.3	3.6	3.0	5.8	8.8
Somewhat positive	56.1	55.7	50.2	45.2	40.0	31.7	58.5	47.9
No impact	23.6	29.3	24.7	20.8	48.0	54.9	33.9	34.1
Somewhat negative	5.3	1.3	12.1	18.6	6.8	8.3	1.8	7.8
Very negative	0.6	0	2.3	3.1	1.6	2.0	0	1.4
Estimated number of members	248	92	170	159	193	198	187	1,248

	Corn Belt & Lake States	South and North Plains	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. CREP						
Very positive	25.8	0	18.1	7.3	20.7	16.8
Somewhat positive	53.5	47.4	53.4	32.1	48.8	45.9
No impact	16.1	29.5	22.3	56.4	26.9	31.8
Somewhat negative	4.6	17.8	3.9	2.7	3.5	4.4
Very negative	0	5.3	2.2	1.4	0	1.1
Estimated number of members	150	24	80	144	79	478

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. WRP								
Very positive	14.6	25.6	8.9	8.9	1.7	6.6	3.9	9.0
Somewhat positive	46.0	58.3	46.5	49.0	42.8	47.9	39.0	46.2
No impact	33.2	10.7	35.8	32.2	52.0	32.1	51.9	37.1
Somewhat negative	6.2	5.4	7.2	6.5	0.8	7.3	5.2	5.6
Very negative	0	0	1.6	3.4	2.8	6.0	0	2.2
Estimated number of members	226	89	161	152	178	217	176	1,200

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. EQIP								
Very positive	13.1	13.2	11.8	24.2	13.8	17.7	6.9	14.8
Somewhat positive	53.1	73.5	66.6	60.6	66.4	58.7	71.2	62.9
No impact	31.7	11.9	18.7	13.0	16.2	20.2	19.4	19.6
Somewhat negative	1.5	1.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	3.3	2.5	2.3
Very negative	0.6	0	0.8	0	1.4	0	0	0.4
Estimated number of members	236	92	170	207	220	286	189	1,401

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. WHIP								
Very positive	6.2	10.8	9.1	10.9	3.7	10.9	3.3	7.7
Somewhat positive	37.8	63.0	51.4	59.0	49.1	45.8	50.3	49.4
No impact	54.1	22.8	38.0	26.0	43.9	41.7	45.1	40.5
Somewhat negative	1.8	3.4	0.8	2.8	0.7	1.6	1.2	1.6
Very negative	0	0	0.8	1.4	2.6	0	0	0.7
Estimated number of members	215	90	162	184	190	247	185	1,273

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. FPP						
Very positive	24.8	0	23.3	6.2	10.0	16.3
Somewhat positive	29.2	100.0	46.6	25.7	27.3	36.5
No impact	46.0	0	25.2	60.4	55.2	41.5
Somewhat negative	0	0	2.0	7.8	7.4	4.4
Very negative	0	0	2.8	0	0	1.4
Estimated number of members	25	1	175	116	43	359

40. For those programs that have a 'very positive' or 'very negative' impact on the local economies in your state's rural communities, please provide the name of the program and explain the reason(s) for your response(s) below.

-- If very positive:

-- If very negative:

Conservation Program Emphasis

41. Given current federal funding, how do you believe conservation funds should be distributed nationally among these programs? (Your total should equal 100%.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
% to CREP								
Mean	66.0	60.5	64.3	58.6	46.2	51.8	58.4	57.8
% to WRP								
Mean	10.5	15.3	7.7	8.6	8.3	11.4	9.8	9.6
% to EQIP								
Mean	16.0	16.6	19.6	21.5	30.0	21.4	18.0	20.8
% to WHIP								
Mean	3.2	4.2	4.0	5.8	5.1	6.8	5.6	5.0
% to FPP								
Mean	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.6	9.0	5.7	5.2	4.9
% to Other								
Mean	1.2	0.5	1.4	1.8	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.8
Weighted number of of members	127	63	107	101	121	94	117	1386

42. In your opinion, overall, how cost-effective, are the following USDA conservation programs; that is, how well are these programs achieving results given the money spent for these programs? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. CRP General signup								
Extremely cost-effective	11.2	13.2	7.6	8.8	1.0	3.4	6.3	7.0
Very cost-effective	46.3	50.4	36.4	43.4	23.3	28.4	32.8	36.6
Moderately cost-effective	28.3	24.8	38.0	22.4	37.8	29.4	36.5	31.4
Somewhat cost-effective	10.3	8.5	11.0	19.5	25.8	21.6	21.9	17.3
Slightly or not cost-effective	3.9	3.2	7.0	5.9	12.2	17.3	2.6	7.6
Estimated number of members	274	102	186	180	202	214	219	1,377

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. CRP Continuous signup								
Extremely cost-effective	20.9	14.5	11.5	8.9	4.0	4.2	7.1	10.3
Very cost-effective	52.2	46.4	40.2	44.4	29.8	32.3	37.3	40.3
Moderately cost-effective	19.5	28.2	32.3	26.9	37.8	27.5	34.5	29.2
Somewhat cost-effective	6.4	8.6	10.9	16.9	21.3	25.8	19.7	15.9
Slightly or not cost-effective	0.9	2.3	5.0	2.9	7.0	10.3	1.4	4.3
Estimated number of members	267	99	182	168	204	208	211	1,340

	Corn Belt & Lake States	South and North Plains	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. CREP						
Extremely cost-effective	29.3	0	11.3	9.2	1.1	14.6
Very cost-effective	37.4	7.7	32.5	30.0	37.6	33.4
Moderately cost-effective	16.5	66.6	40.0	24.9	26.8	26.9
Somewhat cost-effective	10.6	19.8	11.0	20.5	24.5	16.1
Slightly or not cost-effective	6.2	5.9	5.2	15.3	10.0	9.1
Estimated number of members	178	22	96	137	92	524

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. WRP								
Extremely cost-effective	22.4	24.0	7.7	5.8	1.7	12.7	3.7	11.0
Very cost-effective	33.7	32.9	28.0	25.0	25.1	23.0	34.5	28.8
Moderately cost-effective	26.5	31.6	32.4	33.3	45.0	29.8	30.5	32.4
Somewhat cost-effective	14.0	5.7	24.1	28.1	21.3	25.2	23.0	20.8
Slightly or not cost-effective	3.4	5.7	7.8	7.7	6.9	9.3	8.3	6.9
Estimated number of members	263	100	163	171	192	226	198	1,313

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. EQIP								
Extremely cost-effective	9.9	6.5	5.9	7.9	9.9	4.9	5.9	7.3
Very cost-effective	40.6	42.6	29.8	37.4	38.7	40.8	35.9	38.1
Moderately cost-effective	27.8	30.2	38.9	30.3	30.6	35.2	39.6	33.2
Somewhat cost-effective	18.0	10.7	18.3	21.2	13.9	11.9	11.9	15.3
Slightly or not cost-effective	3.8	10.1	7.2	3.0	6.9	7.2	6.7	6.1
Estimated number of members	265	100	183	229	244	306	219	1,546

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. WHIP								
Extremely cost-effective	13.0	5.1	7.8	6.1	7.7	4.1	8.4	7.7
Very cost-effective	34.8	38.2	28.7	32.0	31.2	36.5	38.0	34.1
Moderately cost-effective	26.9	27.7	33.0	31.9	42.1	29.3	32.0	32.0
Somewhat cost-effective	19.5	16.2	24.2	26.4	10.4	20.8	18.7	19.6
Slightly or not cost-effective	5.7	12.8	6.3	3.7	8.6	9.2	2.8	6.6
Estimated number of members	230	89	165	207	209	242	200	1,342

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. FPP						
Extremely cost-effective	10.5	0	12.0	3.9	5.0	8.7
Very cost-effective	17.5	0	44.3	30.1	29.3	36.5
Moderately cost-effective	35.8	100.0	22.7	22.1	36.9	25.4
Somewhat cost-effective	25.8	0	12.7	25.4	24.8	18.7
Slightly or not cost-effective	10.5	0	8.3	18.5	4.0	10.8
Estimated number of members	23	1	188	102	46	360

43.If you responded 'extremely cost-effective' or 'slightly or not cost-effective' for any program, please provide the name of the program and explain the reason(s) for your response(s) below.

-- if extremely cost-effective

-- if slightly or not cost-effective

44. Consider the degree that current USDA conservation programs emphasize environmental or natural resource objectives. Should more or less national emphasis be placed on each of the following environmental or natural resource objectives in the future? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat								
Much more emphasis	21.0	14.9	18.2	16.2	13.7	22.8	14.1	17.8
More emphasis	33.7	26.4	21.9	29.6	37.6	32.7	38.8	32.5
No change	29.6	42.9	42.7	37.2	34.0	34.8	34.7	35.6
Less emphasis	12.7	15.8	14.5	13.9	9.7	8.3	12.4	11.9
Much less emphasis	2.9	0	2.6	3.1	4.9	1.5	0	2.2
Estimated number of members	298	121	200	256	265	379	289	1,808

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Protecting native species								
Much more emphasis	19.5	12.9	17.3	13.8	10.9	21.6	12.4	16.1
More emphasis	29.3	22.9	27.7	33.2	30.1	27.8	33.0	29.6
No change	33.1	56.7	43.8	39.3	48.5	32.3	43.1	40.3
Less emphasis	14.6	7.6	8.6	9.7	5.8	12.3	11.0	10.5
Much less emphasis	3.5	0	2.6	4.0	4.7	6.1	0.4	3.5
Estimated number of members	300	115	200	251	249	379	284	1,779

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion								
Much more emphasis	23.4	8.7	9.8	12.7	10.5	14.2	8.3	13.1
More emphasis	45.8	58.6	47.7	46.0	49.3	38.1	44.6	45.7
No change	30.3	29.8	40.0	37.5	38.4	44.6	46.6	39.1
Less emphasis	0.5	1.9	2.6	3.7	1.9	2.7	0.4	1.9
Much less emphasis	0	1.0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0.1
Estimated number of members	297	123	200	259	264	371	287	1,801

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality								
Much more emphasis	20.0	17.2	16.0	26.8	16.5	25.5	19.9	21.0
More emphasis	50.1	40.2	54.5	50.4	54.3	51.4	53.0	51.3
No change	29.3	41.6	28.0	20.2	28.0	22.0	27.1	26.6
Less emphasis	0.5	0	1.5	2.6	0.7	1.1	0	1.0
Much less emphasis	0	1.0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.1
Estimated number of members	297	121	199	262	274	375	282	1,809

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality								
Much more emphasis	29.9	23.4	19.8	31.4	22.2	27.2	25.2	26.1
More emphasis	51.8	58.3	57.7	44.8	60.6	52.2	55.5	53.8
No change	18.4	18.3	21.9	19.7	17.2	19.5	19.3	19.2
Less emphasis	0	0	0.6	4.1	0	1.0	0	0.9
Estimated number of members	300	125	198	263	267	383	292	1,829

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality								
Much more emphasis	6.6	9.2	6.9	12.1	8.8	11.1	4.9	8.6
More emphasis	23.3	31.7	28.2	31.4	27.4	35.8	34.3	30.5
No change	59.3	50.2	56.5	47.6	50.4	43.0	52.4	50.8
Less emphasis	9.0	7.9	7.1	7.1	12.7	9.1	8.0	8.8
Much less emphasis	1.9	1.1	1.3	1.8	0.7	1.1	0.4	1.2
Estimated number of members	294	114	192	254	246	378	271	1,750

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl								
Much more emphasis	23.0	18.2	10.1	35.4	33.8	35.3	37.8	29.7
More emphasis	46.5	30.0	36.2	37.0	45.6	36.8	34.9	38.9
No change	21.9	45.4	39.1	18.2	15.8	21.3	20.1	23.4
Less emphasis	5.3	3.7	9.6	5.2	4.1	4.1	5.4	5.2
Much less emphasis	3.3	2.8	5.0	4.2	0.7	2.5	1.8	2.8
Estimated number of members	287	111	188	250	266	375	280	1,757

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Other (Please specify)								
Much more emphasis	79.4	84.1	64.8	54.2	93.7	88.9	79.2	77.9
More emphasis	20.6	15.9	35.2	30.7	6.3	11.1	20.8	19.1
No change	0	0	0	10.9	0	0	0	2.2
Less emphasis	0	0	0	4.2	0	0	0	0.8
Estimated number of members	8	8	16	24	22	32	10	118

45.USDA conservation programs emphasize environmental and natural resource priorities at different levels. At what levels of environmental and natural resource priorities should USDA programs place more or less emphasis? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. National								
Much more emphasis	11.4	12.5	7.0	4.1	5.1	8.9	4.7	7.4
More emphasis	17.8	16.4	21.3	16.2	12.9	11.7	24.6	17.0
No change	38.2	31.3	33.2	31.0	34.8	33.4	40.1	34.9
Less emphasis	24.5	32.5	33.4	40.3	34.7	30.9	27.2	31.6
Much less emphasis	8.1	7.3	5.1	8.5	12.6	15.2	3.4	9.1
Estimated number of members	287	115	195	255	255	353	276	1,736

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Multi-state regional								
Much more emphasis	10.7	12.4	9.5	6.2	7.2	7.6	6.2	8.2
More emphasis	30.4	26.7	28.2	26.8	32.0	19.4	37.7	28.5
No change	33.6	42.2	38.9	37.3	34.2	42.4	40.1	38.2
Less emphasis	22.9	17.5	19.5	27.0	21.3	24.5	13.6	21.4
Much less emphasis	2.4	1.2	3.9	2.7	5.3	6.0	2.4	3.7
Estimated number of members	287	117	194	255	255	349	263	1,722

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. State								
Much more emphasis	29.5	23.4	19.6	22.2	23.7	22.0	26.2	24.0
More emphasis	48.9	49.9	57.0	44.6	52.2	47.7	52.6	50.1
No change	18.0	24.0	18.6	23.6	20.3	21.7	19.6	20.6
Less emphasis	3.1	2.8	4.8	9.1	3.2	6.9	1.6	4.7
Much less emphasis	0.6	0	0	0.4	0.7	1.7	0	0.6
Estimated number of members	287	122	195	256	264	366	283	1,774

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Multi-county regional								
Much more emphasis	23.8	31.5	21.0	19.8	16.8	24.9	20.7	22.2
More emphasis	49.9	47.6	54.3	54.7	58.1	61.6	53.7	55.2
No change	23.5	17.7	24.0	19.7	19.5	10.4	20.3	18.8
Less emphasis	2.8	3.2	0.7	5.0	3.6	3.0	4.9	3.4
Much less emphasis	0	0	0	0.8	2.0	0	0.4	0.5
Estimated number of members	287	116	194	248	252	363	278	1,738

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Local (county)								
Much more emphasis	34.5	41.0	25.2	47.2	32.5	50.1	30.8	38.2
More emphasis	42.4	38.0	53.8	35.6	42.2	35.7	48.1	41.8
No change	17.2	19.0	19.7	12.2	22.0	10.6	16.5	16.1
Less emphasis	4.8	2.0	1.3	4.5	0.8	3.1	4.2	3.1
Much less emphasis	1.1	0	0	0.4	2.5	0.5	0.4	0.8
Estimated number of members	286	116	190	250	258	378	281	1,759

46. Congress is considering modifying existing USDA conservation programs or designing new programs. How important, if at all, are the following elements in modifying or designing these programs? (Check one for each row.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
1. Provide flexible eligibility								
Extremely important	33.4	25.9	26.5	23.4	27.6	36.3	18.1	28.0
Very important	46.5	58.1	51.1	53.2	49.9	43.6	54.2	49.9
Moderately important	13.4	8.5	15.8	17.6	14.6	13.8	15.2	14.5
Somewhat important	5.4	5.9	5.3	4.9	6.0	4.9	9.2	5.9
Slightly or not important	1.3	1.7	1.3	0.9	1.9	1.4	3.3	1.7
Estimated number of members	296	120	198	252	266	377	287	1,796

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
2. Allow economic use of lands								
Extremely important	17.7	22.9	16.6	26.9	18.9	32.3	22.0	23.1
Very important	37.5	32.9	42.0	42.2	36.3	37.5	39.0	38.4
Moderately important	17.2	29.5	28.5	18.4	27.0	19.2	21.0	21.9
Somewhat important	18.6	11.3	9.7	8.8	10.3	4.4	12.6	10.6
Slightly or not important	8.9	3.5	3.3	3.7	7.6	6.6	5.4	5.9
Estimated number of members	299	123	196	254	264	370	288	1,794

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
3. Provide payment for maintenance of existing practices								
Extremely important	17.7	13.1	7.7	17.6	7.1	19.5	8.2	13.7
Very important	32.5	27.3	36.3	39.4	41.2	27.7	43.2	35.5
Moderately important	33.0	25.1	31.2	19.7	27.1	24.8	30.4	27.4
Somewhat important	11.5	23.2	18.7	14.4	15.2	13.3	11.0	14.3
Slightly or not important	5.3	11.3	6.0	8.9	9.4	14.7	7.1	9.2
Estimated number of members	297	119	191	254	255	378	283	1,778

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
4. Emphasize local environmental priorities								
Extremely important	32.6	32.2	25.0	38.7	34.3	42.8	29.4	34.5
Very important	41.5	42.7	48.8	42.8	48.4	44.1	48.1	45.2
Moderately important	18.7	14.4	18.4	15.1	8.3	7.0	14.8	13.2
Somewhat important	5.4	9.8	6.5	3.4	7.2	4.0	7.3	5.8
Slightly or not important	1.8	0.8	1.3	0	1.9	2.1	0.4	1.3
Estimated number of members	301	124	197	261	274	387	294	1,838

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
5. Keep lands in production								
Extremely important	10.7	21.3	9.3	24.2	19.7	25.7	17.7	18.7
Very important	22.9	26.5	23.9	35.5	36.2	28.7	30.7	29.5
Moderately important	33.0	19.4	32.8	20.9	26.0	23.4	27.9	26.5
Somewhat important	17.7	21.4	18.3	8.9	12.0	13.1	15.3	14.5
Slightly or not important	15.8	11.5	15.7	10.5	6.1	9.1	8.4	10.7
Estimated number of members	299	120	196	260	270	373	287	1,806

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
6. Emphasize construction of waste structures								
Extremely important	7.6	19.9	8.4	7.6	15.9	15.1	7.7	11.3
Very important	30.8	33.0	30.6	33.0	35.8	33.2	37.2	33.5
Moderately important	31.3	26.5	29.5	36.9	27.0	31.0	34.3	31.4
Somewhat important	22.4	12.1	24.6	15.0	16.0	15.0	17.4	17.7
Slightly or not important	8.0	8.5	6.9	7.4	5.3	5.7	3.3	6.2
Estimated number of members	295	109	192	237	266	350	284	1,734

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
7. Allow a broad array of conservation practices								
Extremely important	40.6	28.3	24.1	33.4	39.7	43.6	25.2	35.1
Very important	41.9	54.0	59.2	42.7	47.7	43.1	60.1	48.7
Moderately important	10.1	11.9	8.3	16.9	8.6	7.9	10.6	10.4
Somewhat important	6.9	4.9	5.7	5.2	3.2	3.6	3.2	4.6
Slightly or not important	0.5	0.8	2.6	1.8	0.7	1.8	0.8	1.3
Estimated number of members	303	125	200	260	272	388	288	1,837

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
8. Make participation voluntary								
Extremely important	48.5	53.5	36.9	48.4	44.4	53.1	36.1	46.0
Very important	28.9	29.4	40.0	36.2	31.3	23.7	40.2	32.2
Moderately important	12.6	5.2	15.2	5.5	11.8	9.3	17.3	11.3
Somewhat important	4.9	6.7	3.5	6.5	7.4	8.8	4.1	6.2
Slightly or not important	5.1	5.2	4.4	3.4	5.1	5.1	2.3	4.4
Estimated number of members	303	121	188	260	261	374	284	1,791

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
9. Provide eligibility to all types of operations								
Extremely important	33.7	42.6	26.4	26.1	32.1	37.2	18.8	30.6
Very important	39.6	32.6	36.5	35.9	45.3	42.0	39.1	39.5
Moderately important	16.5	16.7	14.6	17.0	15.6	16.4	29.4	18.2
Somewhat important	5.7	6.5	13.5	14.3	5.1	2.1	7.6	7.3
Slightly or not important	4.5	1.7	9.0	6.7	1.9	2.4	5.1	4.4
Estimated number of members	294	119	194	256	260	382	280	1,786

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
10. Provide financial rewards for conservation practices								
Extremely important	44.7	36.1	38.2	42.2	29.7	34.2	26.5	35.7
Very important	36.5	38.8	45.2	30.9	46.5	38.2	50.2	40.8
Moderately important	15.2	17.6	10.7	18.4	14.5	19.6	11.3	15.5
Somewhat important	3.5	4.9	5.4	6.1	4.0	7.0	9.1	5.9
Slightly or not important	0	2.7	0.5	2.4	5.2	1.0	2.8	2.0
Estimated number of members	300	123	200	259	271	388	290	1,831

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
11. Allow non-NRCS entities to provide technical assistance								
Extremely important	27.5	28.2	26.1	29.5	26.9	26.1	26.4	27.1
Very important	32.6	29.9	27.6	31.7	32.0	22.7	31.3	29.4
Moderately important	19.6	16.4	22.4	19.8	17.4	25.4	20.0	20.7
Somewhat important	10.7	11.3	16.1	9.8	14.7	14.6	12.9	12.9
Slightly or not important	9.7	14.2	7.8	9.2	9.0	11.3	9.4	9.9
Estimated number of members	294	119	191	256	251	369	283	1,763

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
12. Provide up- front payments								
Extremely important	20.0	29.3	11.2	24.3	13.1	22.9	9.2	18.2
Very important	34.2	32.4	31.2	29.9	32.7	31.3	31.2	31.8
Moderately important	29.5	14.4	34.8	27.6	26.9	23.3	30.6	27.3
Somewhat important	10.3	17.1	15.2	8.2	20.3	11.3	12.7	13.0
Slightly or not important	6.0	6.8	7.6	10.0	7.0	11.2	16.2	9.7
Estimated number of members	286	117	182	240	241	360	276	1,702

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
13. Other (Please specify)								
Extremely important	100.0	100.0	77.0	36.0	49.1	88.2	89.5	78.8
Very important	0	0	0	64.0	50.9	11.8	10.5	19.1
Slightly or not important	0	0	23.0	0	0	0	0	2.1
Estimated number of members	16	7	11	15	14	34	27	124

Respondent Information

47. Which one category best describes your organization? (Check one.)

	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
47. Which one category best describes your organization? (Check one)								
NRCS State Conservationist	2.3	2.4	3.0	2.6	4.4	2.4	3.7	3.0
NRCS, Other	6.4	3.2	1.9	2.2	6.5	4.8	6.6	4.8
Farm Service Agency	5.0	5.5	3.0	8.8	9.5	4.8	6.8	6.3
FSA State Committee	3.1	2.4	2.0	2.7	2.9	2.2	1.2	2.3
Forest Service	0.8	1.9	0.8	2.4	1.3	2.0	3.6	1.9
CSREES	3.3	6.8	6.7	2.3	4.6	1.0	6.6	3.9
Rural Development	1.4	1.0	1.7	1.2	1.3	0.9	1.2	1.2
Other USDA	0.9	2.8	0.8	2.7	0.7	2.3	1.2	1.6
Fish and Wildlife Service	4.2	3.9	4.7	2.8	3.9	1.9	3.7	3.4
Bureau of Land Management	0	0	0.7	0.5	0	0.4	0	0.2
Bureau of Indian Affairs	0	0	2.7	1.4	0	0.4	0	0.6
Bureau of Reclamation	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0.1
US Geological Survey	1.6	0.8	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.4
Army Corps of Engineers	1.0	4.7	1.4	1.4	0.4	1.1	2.9	1.6
State fish and wildlife agency	7.0	4.4	5.3	4.7	2.3	2.8	8.4	4.9
State forestry agency	0	1.8	5.3	2.7	2.3	1.9	3.4	2.3
State water resources agency	4.0	3.6	4.0	3.8	2.3	1.9	2.8	3.0
State dept of agriculture	6.0	0	2.7	6.6	2.3	3.8	3.7	3.9
State assoc of soil and water districts	1.0	0	0.6	8.5	5.7	9.4	2.0	4.7
State coastal zone management agency	0	0	0	0	1.1	0	0.9	0.3

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	Corn Belt & Lake States	Delta	South and North Plains	Mountain	Northeast	Pacific	Southeast and Appalachian	Total
47. Which one category best describes your organization? (Check one)								
State soil and water consv agency	6.0	7.2	8.0	6.6	11.5	5.5	3.7	6.7
Other state agency	2.0	6.2	1.3	4.7	4.1	17.4	3.6	6.5
Tribal governments	1.5	0	4.0	9.4	0	5.1	1.9	3.4
Agricultural producers (farmers)	8.7	14.6	6.5	3.4	3.8	6.8	3.2	6.1
For-profit agribusiness	8.1	1.8	2.6	1.0	0.7	2.3	0	2.4
Nonprofit org	20.1	15.9	24.5	12.7	20.3	13.1	19.0	17.5
Universities	1.4	3.9	1.7	1.6	3.9	2.0	5.5	2.8
Other knowledgeable persons	4.4	5.4	4.0	3.3	4.2	3.6	4.1	4.0
Estimated number of members	308	127	197	271	275	420	301	1,899

Comments

48. Please provide below any comments you have about your state or local environmental needs.

49. Please add any other comments or suggestions you have the current or future agricultural conservation programs.

50. Please add any comments or suggestions you have about this questionnaire.

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Notes to Tables: Except when presenting estimated number of cases, all other numbers are percentages. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Program Needs

1. To what degree, if at all, do you believe the following environmental or natural resource conditions related to agriculture on private land are concerns in your state? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Air pollution from agricultural field operations									
Major concern	17.6	12.8	7.0	12.9	6.8	11.6	5.6	12.0	11.0
Moderate concern	25.5	27.0	22.1	20.1	21.4	27.1	23.9	20.1	24.0
Minor concern	51.0	43.6	47.1	45.7	50.1	44.6	52.5	36.9	44.8
Not a concern	5.9	16.6	23.7	21.4	21.8	16.7	18.1	31.0	20.2
Estimated number of members	51	82	102	263	137	787	142	304	1,868

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Air pollution from livestock operations									
Major concern	21.2	16.7	13.0	15.2	11.9	12.4	8.7	12.9	13.0
Moderate concern	50.0	39.9	30.1	39.0	28.3	31.7	37.5	25.8	32.7
Minor concern	26.9	39.7	45.4	39.9	45.9	40.3	44.8	45.6	41.8
Not a concern	1.9	3.7	11.5	5.9	13.9	15.6	9.0	15.7	12.5
Estimated number of members	52	82	102	265	140	788	146	302	1,878

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Depletion of groundwater sources									
Major concern	40.4	39.9	33.0	36.6	33.4	46.4	29.3	33.8	39.5
Moderate concern	40.4	35.1	38.1	27.0	33.8	26.2	42.2	23.6	29.1
Minor concern	13.5	22.3	17.7	25.3	28.1	19.2	24.6	23.2	21.7
Not a concern	5.8	2.6	11.3	11.1	4.8	8.2	3.9	19.4	9.7
Estimated number of members	52	81	100	274	143	812	158	310	1,930

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Depletion of surface water									
Major concern	49.0	42.0	30.2	30.8	42.7	40.3	29.4	30.2	36.4
Moderate concern	29.4	23.6	36.4	25.5	31.2	30.5	38.0	20.5	28.8
Minor concern	15.7	30.5	20.2	28.7	21.4	20.8	29.1	25.2	23.6
Not a concern	5.9	3.9	13.1	15.0	4.8	8.4	3.5	24.1	11.1
Estimated number of members	51	80	97	271	144	814	156	305	1,918

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Impaired groundwater from leaching from agricultural fields									
Major concern	36.5	25.7	26.3	25.1	34.2	27.2	41.2	17.4	27.1
Moderate concern	44.2	57.7	46.3	45.0	45.4	40.7	34.0	37.8	41.8
Minor concern	17.3	15.3	21.9	24.1	17.8	26.7	23.2	34.5	25.7
Not a concern	1.9	1.3	5.4	5.7	2.7	5.4	1.5	10.3	5.5
Estimated number of members	52	82	101	267	143	818	152	305	1,921

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Impaired groundwater from livestock operations									
Major concern	42.3	32.1	31.9	29.1	26.7	25.9	31.7	18.9	26.8
Moderate concern	40.4	47.4	41.7	41.8	48.5	39.5	37.0	36.3	40.2
Minor concern	17.3	19.2	20.7	25.0	20.2	25.4	27.7	34.7	25.9
Not a concern	0	1.3	5.7	4.1	4.6	9.3	3.5	10.1	7.1
Estimated number of members	52	82	102	266	140	794	154	309	1,897

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Impaired surface water from livestock operations									
Major concern	64.7	65.5	44.0	41.4	59.9	39.0	49.8	22.3	41.2
Moderate concern	29.4	33.2	43.8	35.3	30.0	39.9	36.4	45.2	38.7
Minor concern	5.9	1.3	9.1	21.2	8.3	15.8	13.2	26.5	16.3
Not a concern	0	0	3.1	2.0	1.7	5.3	0.6	6.0	3.8
Estimated number of members	51	82	101	265	150	795	154	310	1,908

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Impaired surface water from runoff from agricultural fields									
Major concern	45.1	57.8	38.6	32.9	59.5	37.9	57.9	28.0	40.1
Moderate concern	49.0	41.0	40.7	41.5	30.4	40.8	32.8	36.3	38.9
Minor concern	5.9	1.2	17.6	23.0	9.1	15.1	9.3	30.5	16.9
Not a concern	0	0	3.1	2.6	1.1	6.3	0	5.1	4.1
Estimated number of members	51	82	101	265	153	821	155	304	1,932

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
9. Loss of native species									
Major concern	19.2	22.6	12.1	14.6	45.8	28.1	48.5	10.7	25.2
Moderate concern	51.9	41.0	30.7	29.4	38.4	33.0	31.0	14.7	30.6
Minor concern	26.9	35.2	44.4	42.4	12.1	30.4	18.3	48.0	33.3
Not a concern	1.9	1.3	12.8	13.6	3.6	8.4	2.2	26.6	10.9
Estimated number of members	52	80	100	263	150	800	153	299	1,896

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
10. Loss of agricultural land to urban sprawl									
Major concern	62.7	68.4	50.2	54.1	42.3	51.6	53.2	48.8	51.8
Moderate concern	27.5	22.9	35.3	28.4	37.8	33.1	34.7	34.2	32.7
Minor concern	9.8	8.8	14.5	14.1	14.9	13.0	12.1	12.1	12.9
Not a concern	0	0	0	3.3	5.0	2.3	0	4.9	2.6
Estimated number of members	51	82	101	273	155	815	157	308	1,942

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
11. Loss of wetlands									
Major concern	36.5	29.8	15.7	23.6	60.2	34.6	58.7	8.5	31.9
Moderate concern	38.5	47.4	49.3	31.9	30.6	38.8	32.7	34.6	36.9
Minor concern	21.2	22.8	21.5	36.5	7.3	20.9	7.9	39.3	23.9
Not a concern	3.8	0	13.6	8.0	1.9	5.7	0.6	17.6	7.3
Estimated number of members	52	82	100	269	153	803	160	300	1,919

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
12. Loss of wildlife habitat on farms and ranches									
Major concern	21.2	20.7	13.0	14.6	39.7	21.9	52.7	3.7	21.3
Moderate concern	59.6	54.0	48.0	34.9	39.0	43.2	29.7	40.0	41.3
Minor concern	15.4	24.1	27.5	39.3	18.7	28.5	16.8	32.6	28.4
Not a concern	3.8	1.2	11.5	11.2	2.6	6.3	0.8	23.7	9.1
Estimated number of members	52	82	102	267	148	802	153	307	1,913

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
13. Proliferation of invasive species									
Major concern	37.3	36.9	15.7	34.3	48.1	42.4	37.8	24.1	36.7
Moderate concern	33.3	42.2	48.0	36.7	35.7	35.2	41.7	35.1	36.9
Minor concern	23.5	19.6	28.9	23.3	12.9	18.4	19.0	32.2	21.7
Not a concern	5.9	1.3	7.4	5.6	3.3	4.0	1.4	8.6	4.8
Estimated number of members	51	80	95	267	147	793	154	303	1,889

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
14. Soil erosion from water runoff									
Major concern	48.0	46.1	36.6	31.2	43.4	39.1	49.1	19.9	36.5
Moderate concern	42.0	46.3	48.3	50.6	42.5	46.2	37.3	50.3	46.5
Minor concern	10.0	7.6	10.3	16.2	13.4	11.9	13.6	28.3	15.0
Not a concern	0	0	4.8	2.0	0.7	2.8	0	1.6	2.0
Estimated number of members	50	82	102	275	152	822	156	305	1,944

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
15. Soil erosion from wind									
Major concern	17.6	7.9	19.6	13.1	9.8	10.8	17.5	3.9	11.0
Moderate concern	23.5	30.3	26.3	34.7	31.2	32.9	24.7	36.1	32.2
Minor concern	35.3	41.0	26.2	31.8	40.1	42.9	41.1	41.0	39.5
Not a concern	23.5	20.9	28.0	20.3	18.9	13.4	16.7	19.0	17.3
Estimated number cases	51	80	100	273	143	797	143	300	1,887

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
16. Other (Please specify)									
Major concern	78.6	74.9	54.5	75.5	75.2	76.9	51.2	89.8	76.4
Moderate concern	21.4	12.5	45.5	17.3	24.8	23.1	48.8	10.2	22.3
Minor concern	0	12.5	0	7.3	0	0	0	0	1.3
Estimated number cases	14	8	3	20	18	100	12	24	199

2. How effective, if at all, are the following USDA conservation programs in addressing your state's environmental and natural resource concerns related to agriculture on private lands?
(Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup - provides annual rental payments to agriculture producers to retire lands that are highly erodible or environmentally sensitive									
Extremely effective	26.5	9.1	27.6	15.8	16.7	12.0	27.9	10.5	15.2
Very effective	30.6	39.2	34.4	39.5	40.9	29.9	25.0	41.9	34.4
Moderately effective	12.2	25.1	12.2	27.3	23.6	26.8	23.5	16.6	23.4
Somewhat effective	14.3	8.0	10.6	14.2	9.8	16.0	20.0	14.5	14.6
Slightly or not effective	16.3	18.6	15.2	3.2	9.0	15.2	3.7	16.5	12.4
Estimated number of members	49	80	100	242	120	656	135	257	1,638

	NRCS State Conservationists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Continuous Signup - offers additional financial incentives and allows acreage devoted to conservation practices, such as riparian buffers and filter strips, yielding highly desirable environmental benefits to be									
Extremely effective	26.5	13.3	29.9	12.4	23.9	16.6	20.8	13.8	17.4
Very effective	26.5	27.3	31.6	37.2	33.6	32.0	30.7	44.7	34.4
Moderately effective	18.4	25.2	12.9	31.8	23.6	23.8	31.1	18.5	24.0
Somewhat effective	14.3	17.1	12.1	12.6	10.2	17.4	13.4	12.2	14.6
Slightly or not effective	14.3	17.1	13.4	6.0	8.7	10.2	3.9	10.7	9.7
Estimated number of members	49	80	101	240	125	645	135	256	1,629

	NRCS State Conservationists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) - a federal-state conservation partnership program that targets environmental concerns related to agriculture by using financial incentives to encourage landowners to retire lands									
Extremely effective	53.3	21.9	44.7	10.9	39.0	21.9	27.5	7.0	21.1
Very effective	6.7	40.7	28.1	41.6	34.4	30.6	22.9	22.6	29.7
Moderately effective	6.7	18.7	19.3	22.9	20.1	17.3	30.8	33.3	22.6
Somewhat effective	26.7	6.2	8.0	20.3	3.6	16.4	9.3	14.5	14.3
Slightly or not effective	6.7	12.6	0	4.3	3.0	13.8	9.5	22.6	12.3
Estimated number of members	15	34	32	86	44	272	72	131	686

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) - offers payment for the restoration of wetlands that have been previously drained and converted to agricultural uses, requiring landowners to sign an easement for thirty years or perpetuity									
Extremely effective	32.7	25.8	6.5	8.5	34.1	17.1	34.7	2.6	16.9
Very effective	30.6	40.6	20.0	22.7	31.6	25.3	16.1	23.6	25.0
Moderately effective	18.4	14.2	28.1	37.4	12.6	24.4	24.2	29.2	25.4
Somewhat effective	14.3	10.4	29.7	16.1	14.0	21.8	17.0	29.8	20.9
Slightly or not effective	4.1	9.0	15.7	15.3	7.8	11.4	8.0	14.8	11.8
Estimated number of members	49	81	99	212	129	655	138	247	1,611

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) - provides financial incentives to landowners to address soil, water, and related environmental concerns on lands in agricultural uses									
Extremely effective	55.8	33.0	12.7	17.8	11.2	19.1	14.2	17.6	19.0
Very effective	25.0	42.0	8.1	32.9	36.2	32.6	24.2	32.5	31.0
Moderately effective	17.3	19.7	45.1	29.7	31.6	33.7	37.2	30.8	32.4
Somewhat effective	0	5.3	24.6	13.0	13.1	12.4	20.9	15.3	13.7
Slightly or not effective	1.9	0	9.4	6.5	7.9	2.2	3.5	3.8	3.9
Estimated number of members	52	80	101	242	132	761	143	297	1,808

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) - provides financial incentives to develop habitats for fish and wildlife on private land									
Extremely effective	34.6	17.2	2.6	5.9	17.4	13.3	14.4	2.6	11.2
Very effective	42.3	35.6	20.9	20.3	23.0	26.6	28.4	23.2	25.7
Moderately effective	13.5	35.4	32.5	37.7	34.9	32.3	25.9	31.1	32.1
Somewhat effective	5.8	10.5	29.7	26.2	19.1	22.1	25.0	33.4	23.9
Slightly or not effective	3.8	1.3	14.3	9.9	5.7	5.6	6.3	9.7	7.1
Estimated number of members	52	80	96	232	130	697	143	268	1,697

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Farmland Protection Program (FPP) - protects farmland from non- agricultural conversion by acquiring thirty- year or permanent easements on farmlands in cooperation with existing state, local, or tribal farmland protection programs or land trusts									
Extremely effective	66.7	20.5	21.5	22.5	5.5	19.9	8.7	8.8	19.1
Very effective	5.6	15.4	25.9	24.2	33.7	24.5	17.4	14.7	21.8
Moderately effective	11.1	20.5	28.6	14.5	34.1	17.2	10.4	15.3	17.7
Somewhat effective	16.7	33.4	15.7	30.6	12.5	21.7	46.1	47.3	27.8
Slightly or not effective	0	10.2	8.4	8.2	14.2	16.7	17.4	13.9	13.6
Estimated number of members	18	41	31	66	23	252	23	84	538

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. All programs									
Extremely effective	17.8	3.3	3.0	3.9	6.4	6.7	9.6	2.5	5.8
Very effective	51.1	47.4	36.2	22.6	37.3	32.4	28.9	27.1	31.9
Moderately effective	26.7	44.4	43.1	50.4	41.3	37.0	41.7	44.7	41.0
Somewhat effective	2.2	4.9	11.8	21.1	12.6	20.7	19.8	22.1	18.4
Slightly or not effective	2.2	0	5.8	2.0	2.4	3.2	0	3.6	2.8
Estimated number of members	45	64	86	177	109	573	101	224	1,379

3. If you responded 'extremely effective' or 'slightly or not effective,' for any item in question 2 above, please provide the name of the program and explain the reason(s) for your response(s) below.

-- if extremely effective

-- if slightly or not effective

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup

4. How familiar are you with the CRP General Signup program? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
Extremely familiar	45.1	34.8	48.1	12.6	8.5	9.3	15.8	11.4	14.6
Very familiar	39.2	25.6	25.9	21.1	21.2	15.8	14.6	19.4	19.0
Moderately familiar	7.8	24.2	15.1	31.2	21.9	26.9	33.5	27.0	26.4
Somewhat familiar	2.0	5.2	4.5	13.9	18.0	14.8	17.7	10.5	13.2
Slightly or not familiar	5.9	10.3	6.3	21.2	30.4	33.3	18.4	31.7	26.8
Estimated number of members	51	82	102	264	151	807	156	306	1,919

5. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the CRP General Signup program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the CRP General Signup program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat									
Extremely effective	23.4	17.5	28.1	15.1	17.8	13.7	18.7	10.2	15.7
Very effective	44.7	42.6	36.3	36.1	40.8	38.2	16.8	36.2	36.2
Moderately effective	17.0	23.5	20.5	30.9	26.5	32.2	38.6	28.1	29.7
Somewhat effective	10.6	7.4	6.8	15.0	13.7	11.6	24.6	20.9	14.3
Slightly or not effective	4.3	8.9	8.3	3.0	1.2	4.2	1.4	4.6	4.1
Estimated number of members	47	71	91	192	101	485	118	202	1,307

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Protecting native species									
Extremely effective	6.5	4.4	13.2	6.5	5.6	4.3	6.8	1.6	5.3
Very effective	17.4	17.7	25.4	16.7	18.4	14.9	15.8	16.6	16.8
Moderately effective	28.3	36.7	35.1	34.9	39.4	41.7	29.9	38.2	37.7
Somewhat effective	23.9	16.1	14.0	26.5	27.2	24.4	23.6	25.4	23.8
Slightly or not effective	23.9	25.1	12.3	15.4	9.4	14.7	23.9	18.1	16.5
Estimated number of members	46	71	89	188	99	463	118	195	1,270

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion									
Extremely effective	57.4	42.0	39.7	23.1	31.1	23.3	20.0	23.7	27.0
Very effective	29.8	37.5	32.4	46.7	49.5	47.7	38.6	41.2	43.6
Moderately effective	6.4	11.7	13.5	18.4	10.0	19.5	26.0	20.3	18.0
Somewhat effective	2.1	4.4	4.2	11.8	4.7	7.3	15.5	10.8	8.5
Slightly or not effective	4.3	4.4	10.2	0	4.8	2.2	0	4.1	2.9
Estimated number of members	47	72	90	201	101	481	118	201	1,310

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality									
Extremely effective	17.4	10.3	25.6	11.1	10.9	11.2	15.2	8.0	12.2
Very effective	41.3	36.6	32.1	33.6	41.6	33.5	21.8	36.2	33.9
Moderately effective	19.6	29.5	25.2	33.7	23.1	23.3	29.9	27.0	26.4
Somewhat effective	10.9	14.7	7.3	17.0	22.5	23.9	25.4	16.4	19.5
Slightly or not effective	10.9	8.9	9.8	4.6	1.9	8.0	7.8	12.5	8.0
Estimated number of members	46	71	88	191	84	473	105	196	1,255

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality									
Extremely effective	30.4	28.1	23.8	11.5	15.2	17.2	18.7	13.6	17.3
Very effective	39.1	45.4	37.9	45.0	44.5	35.1	33.9	46.5	39.9
Moderately effective	17.4	14.6	22.1	31.9	21.9	29.0	25.7	21.1	25.7
Somewhat effective	8.7	4.4	4.9	8.8	12.6	13.3	18.2	9.9	11.3
Slightly or not effective	4.3	7.4	11.4	2.9	5.7	5.3	3.5	8.9	5.9
Estimated number of members	46	71	87	194	103	482	114	198	1,295

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality									
Extremely effective	8.5	9.2	8.2	7.5	6.4	5.0	4.7	3.3	5.8
Very effective	25.5	21.4	23.4	21.4	20.9	17.6	23.2	13.0	19.2
Moderately effective	25.5	15.2	21.9	32.1	12.1	35.7	20.8	25.6	28.0
Somewhat effective	21.3	27.8	15.4	22.3	30.6	19.3	27.4	30.6	23.3
Slightly or not effective	19.1	26.4	31.0	16.7	30.0	22.3	23.9	27.4	23.7
Estimated number of members	47	68	87	176	83	424	101	175	1,160

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl									
Extremely effective	7.1	6.2	1.6	1.9	2.2	4.9	4.7	3.6	3.9
Very effective	7.1	4.5	13.7	10.2	12.6	6.2	3.6	9.8	8.1
Moderately effective	21.4	15.5	25.1	17.5	8.9	21.9	9.5	11.6	17.4
Somewhat effective	14.3	24.6	25.7	33.8	23.1	19.3	20.4	32.3	24.6
Slightly or not effective	50.0	49.2	33.8	36.6	53.3	47.7	61.8	42.7	45.9
Estimated number of members	42	68	87	171	74	389	99	180	1,111

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Other (Please specify)									
Extremely effective	14.3	0	0	44.2	18.9	25.6	0	100.0	25.9
Very effective	14.3	39.0	0	22.6	39.6	22.7	0	0	18.5
Moderately effective	14.3	0	29.8	0	0	0	21.8	0	6.8
Somewhat effective	14.3	0	0	0	0	25.6	38.1	0	11.5
Slightly or not effective	42.9	61.0	70.2	33.2	41.6	26.2	40.1	0	37.3
Estimated number of members	7	5	4	9	7	10	7	5	55

6. Do the following CRP General Signup provisions or factors help or hinder the achievement of the program's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Application process									
Greatly helps	2.2	1.4	15.2	7.0	2.8	0	2.5	0.8	3.0
Somewhat helps	22.2	14.8	28.6	19.9	15.3	25.4	20.5	20.4	22.3
Neither helps nor hinders	26.7	34.3	38.0	39.3	51.0	35.4	36.6	48.5	38.8
Somewhat hinders	44.4	38.9	14.1	31.6	30.9	31.3	25.6	30.2	30.3
Greatly hinders	4.4	10.6	4.2	2.2	0	7.9	14.8	0	5.6
Estimated number of members	45	70	94	173	80	421	87	158	1,128

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Specific signup periods rather than continuous signup									
Greatly helps	4.3	7.2	20.5	4.0	1.4	1.6	1.3	2.5	4.0
Somewhat helps	17.4	14.4	24.4	23.1	12.8	14.6	14.9	12.1	16.3
Neither helps nor hinders	19.6	20.4	24.8	23.6	17.9	18.0	9.2	35.7	21.5
Somewhat hinders	47.8	49.3	23.3	42.7	59.7	57.5	59.7	45.5	50.2
Greatly hinders	10.9	8.7	7.1	6.6	8.2	8.4	14.9	4.3	8.0
Estimated number of members	46	72	94	186	85	448	91	176	1,197

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Acceptance selection process (EBI)									
Greatly helps	19.6	9.2	24.8	8.3	18.7	8.5	19.5	3.9	11.3
Somewhat helps	23.9	23.1	26.6	29.3	29.8	27.8	26.6	24.3	27.0
Neither helps nor hinders	8.7	15.2	14.8	25.9	24.7	18.8	26.0	30.6	21.5
Somewhat hinders	43.5	35.4	23.9	31.7	22.7	32.1	26.3	32.4	31.0
Greatly hinders	4.3	17.2	9.9	4.8	4.0	12.7	1.6	8.9	9.3
Estimated number of members	46	68	92	160	80	406	75	150	1,077

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Length of contract (10 to 15 years)									
Greatly helps	27.7	17.7	32.4	21.0	16.4	18.6	29.8	17.5	20.9
Somewhat helps	29.8	37.2	35.7	41.9	41.5	37.7	24.5	39.2	37.3
Neither helps nor hinders	23.4	22.5	13.7	20.2	24.9	23.7	29.2	21.5	22.5
Somewhat hinders	14.9	21.0	15.3	16.0	14.3	16.0	16.6	21.7	17.0
Greatly hinders	4.3	1.5	2.9	1.0	2.8	4.0	0	0	2.3
Estimated number of members	47	70	93	185	89	469	102	188	1,242

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Requirement that land be in crop production 2 of the past 5 years									
Greatly helps	8.5	7.2	22.7	13.2	3.8	2.9	3.5	8.2	7.3
Somewhat helps	23.4	33.2	18.6	24.5	28.9	25.1	15.5	23.2	24.1
Neither helps nor hinders	23.4	14.5	12.4	24.8	13.1	23.6	26.1	16.6	20.8
Somewhat hinders	29.8	33.4	29.0	35.9	33.7	38.7	46.7	42.2	37.7
Greatly hinders	14.9	11.7	17.2	1.6	20.5	9.7	8.2	9.8	10.0
Estimated number of members	47	72	95	191	91	471	102	179	1,248

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Size of cost- share percentage									
Greatly helps	6.7	5.8	15.2	12.9	9.0	10.1	4.9	14.3	10.7
Somewhat helps	37.8	33.7	25.9	40.9	37.4	31.8	51.2	37.0	35.8
Neither helps nor hinders	24.4	31.1	29.5	13.9	21.2	18.9	18.6	16.9	19.7
Somewhat hinders	26.7	25.0	25.7	31.3	29.5	31.8	22.5	27.9	29.2
Greatly hinders	4.4	4.5	3.8	1.0	2.9	7.5	2.8	3.9	4.7
Estimated number of members	45	71	94	188	82	444	93	175	1,191

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Size of annual rental rate per acre									
Greatly helps	14.6	8.6	18.5	20.8	17.7	12.8	14.6	16.0	15.2
Somewhat helps	25.0	29.0	20.7	33.9	38.2	26.4	37.4	28.0	29.1
Neither helps nor hinders	10.4	10.1	5.1	9.5	11.3	14.0	6.5	17.4	11.9
Somewhat hinders	29.2	26.0	29.3	26.3	26.9	25.8	26.7	30.2	27.1
Greatly hinders	20.8	26.3	26.4	9.4	5.9	21.0	14.8	8.5	16.6
Estimated number of members	48	72	95	186	82	452	99	177	1,210

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. No payment for maintenance of existing practices									
Greatly helps	0	0	2.3	0	0	0.6	2.5	5.1	1.4
Somewhat helps	0	0	3.6	7.1	1.3	3.9	4.2	2.3	3.6
Neither helps nor hinders	31.1	36.5	39.6	26.0	29.5	25.4	10.0	18.1	25.4
Somewhat hinders	55.6	60.5	40.9	53.4	50.4	54.1	62.5	54.6	53.9
Greatly hinders	13.3	3.1	13.5	13.4	18.9	16.0	20.9	19.9	15.8
Estimated number of members	45	69	93	185	80	439	96	188	1,193

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
9. Limit on the percentage of land that may be enrolled in a county (25%)									
Greatly helps	2.1	0	4.8	6.2	1.4	1.2	1.6	4.8	2.8
Somewhat helps	4.3	4.5	7.0	3.7	5.4	6.4	7.3	10.1	6.4
Neither helps nor hinders	42.6	55.9	63.9	29.9	24.7	40.3	29.3	38.0	39.0
Somewhat hinders	42.6	30.4	15.8	43.6	49.9	39.6	48.6	44.1	40.3
Greatly hinders	8.5	9.2	8.4	16.6	18.6	12.5	13.2	3.0	11.6
Estimated number of members	47	68	90	188	89	444	103	181	1,210

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
10. Limit on total rental payments (\$50,000)									
Greatly helps	0	0	5.9	5.0	1.2	2.3	1.7	5.9	3.2
Somewhat helps	9.3	4.6	10.1	14.0	17.4	5.7	10.0	12.4	9.6
Neither helps nor hinders	51.2	57.8	53.0	43.1	43.9	44.7	33.2	35.7	43.7
Somewhat hinders	37.2	37.6	24.5	33.1	31.9	42.1	41.5	38.2	37.5
Greatly hinders	2.3	0	6.4	4.9	5.6	5.1	13.6	7.9	5.9
Estimated number of members	43	66	92	185	81	432	95	181	1,176

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
11. Restriction on economic uses of land									
Greatly helps	4.3	1.5	4.9	4.9	18.2	8.0	15.4	3.7	7.4
Somewhat helps	10.6	8.9	17.9	14.4	33.8	8.6	21.4	15.2	14.0
Neither helps nor hinders	29.8	29.9	29.5	24.4	27.2	25.7	16.6	25.1	25.5
Somewhat hinders	46.8	53.7	36.6	45.0	20.9	49.0	38.7	42.9	43.9
Greatly hinders	8.5	6.0	11.2	11.3	0	8.7	8.0	13.1	9.1
Estimated number of members	47	70	91	192	86	456	94	184	1,221

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
12. Restriction on haying and grazing of land									
Greatly helps	10.9	0	7.7	4.4	29.9	8.6	22.2	2.9	9.2
Somewhat helps	6.5	10.3	9.5	13.2	19.9	10.6	14.1	11.9	11.9
Neither helps nor hinders	13.0	17.7	19.9	14.8	17.7	16.5	16.4	23.6	17.6
Somewhat hinders	45.7	57.2	46.7	46.3	29.3	46.2	37.9	52.4	45.9
Greatly hinders	23.9	14.8	16.2	21.3	3.2	18.1	9.5	9.1	15.4
Estimated number of members	46	71	95	190	89	466	100	189	1,247

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
13. Restrictions on acceptable conservation practices									
Greatly helps	6.4	4.3	13.4	7.4	19.2	5.5	2.8	2.9	6.8
Somewhat helps	10.6	5.8	16.2	14.4	28.7	19.2	26.3	16.8	18.1
Neither helps nor hinders	46.8	44.3	34.8	34.2	28.8	32.7	24.4	25.4	32.2
Somewhat hinders	29.8	41.2	29.0	39.0	21.8	34.1	34.5	44.8	35.5
Greatly hinders	6.4	4.5	6.6	4.9	1.5	8.4	11.9	10.1	7.5
Estimated number of members	47	71	91	182	92	435	99	190	1,208

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
14. Having program promotion at the state or local level									
Greatly helps	40.4	22.0	36.1	28.1	35.4	19.4	35.2	21.3	25.8
Somewhat helps	34.0	48.4	33.7	44.9	32.0	49.0	51.9	43.1	44.7
Neither helps nor hinders	19.1	29.6	27.6	22.8	31.2	24.7	9.7	30.0	24.7
Somewhat hinders	6.4	0	1.1	3.3	1.5	5.7	3.2	2.5	3.6
Greatly hinders	0	0	1.6	0.9	0	1.2	0	3.0	1.2
Estimated number of members	47	71	93	189	88	437	100	183	1,208

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
15. Other (Please specify)									
Greatly helps	16.7	0	11.7	0	0	12.7	25.4	0	11.8
Neither helps nor hinders	0	0	11.7	0	0	0	0	0	1.9
Somewhat hinders	16.7	0	14.0	0	0	0	0	66.7	8.2
Greatly hinders	66.7	100.0	62.6	100.0	100.0	87.3	74.6	33.3	78.1
Estimated number of members	6	1	10	6	4	20	9	4	60

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Continuous Signup

7. How familiar are you with the CRP Continuous Signup? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
Extremely familiar	45.1	28.4	43.5	8.1	6.9	8.7	11.6	7.4	12.1
Very familiar	35.3	29.3	23.1	18.3	14.5	12.7	18.3	18.2	16.8
Moderately familiar	9.8	24.2	17.0	28.4	20.7	25.1	27.6	22.0	24.0
Somewhat familiar	3.9	10.3	7.8	13.3	18.1	12.0	13.7	16.1	13.0
Slightly or not familiar	5.9	7.7	8.6	32.0	39.7	41.5	28.8	36.4	34.1
Estimated number of members	51	82	97	263	154	791	155	308	1,900

8. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the CRP Continuous Signup program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the CRP Continuous Signup program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat									
Extremely effective	28.9	15.7	28.8	12.6	16.7	11.1	15.9	9.1	14.0
Very effective	37.8	41.0	34.2	32.7	43.6	40.1	22.5	39.2	37.1
Moderately effective	17.8	24.5	26.4	38.0	31.5	36.0	47.5	27.5	33.6
Somewhat effective	13.3	15.8	8.8	9.6	8.2	10.8	11.7	23.2	12.7
Slightly or not effective	2.2	2.9	1.8	7.1	0	2.1	2.4	1.0	2.6
Estimated number of members	45	73	81	176	89	432	108	187	1,193

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Protecting native species									
Extremely effective	6.8	2.9	12.6	5.7	5.2	3.4	4.8	5.7	5.1
Very effective	22.7	25.5	29.5	27.5	31.9	23.6	15.0	20.6	24.0
Moderately effective	29.5	28.6	38.7	30.5	34.9	38.8	33.6	33.2	35.0
Somewhat effective	22.7	21.5	14.2	20.1	16.1	23.8	29.7	28.5	23.1
Slightly or not effective	18.2	21.5	5.0	16.1	11.9	10.4	16.9	12.0	12.8
Estimated number of members	44	73	80	161	86	415	108	178	1,146

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion									
Extremely effective	33.3	12.9	26.7	18.1	19.2	10.1	17.1	18.0	16.1
Very effective	35.6	48.5	40.8	50.8	51.9	50.3	44.8	51.6	48.9
Moderately effective	20.0	28.6	16.5	17.8	19.8	31.4	26.3	16.8	24.1
Somewhat effective	8.9	2.9	10.9	11.1	7.7	6.9	9.2	12.8	8.8
Slightly or not effective	2.2	7.2	5.1	2.2	1.4	1.3	2.5	0.7	2.1
Estimated number of members	45	73	80	176	91	420	105	187	1,177

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality									
Extremely effective	18.2	5.8	26.9	12.0	8.8	6.2	7.7	7.4	9.4
Very effective	22.7	28.9	38.8	35.2	37.6	30.4	36.5	40.3	33.9
Moderately effective	34.1	33.5	14.6	29.6	34.8	30.2	28.6	29.3	29.4
Somewhat effective	15.9	23.0	16.1	17.4	9.8	23.8	21.8	18.8	20.1
Slightly or not effective	9.1	8.8	3.6	5.9	9.0	9.4	5.4	4.1	7.2
Estimated number of members	44	72	79	170	77	428	98	185	1,154

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality									
Extremely effective	33.3	25.7	42.7	17.6	23.7	17.1	16.4	20.2	21.0
Very effective	42.2	48.6	32.4	50.1	50.0	47.1	41.2	46.2	46.0
Moderately effective	17.8	14.2	14.1	22.4	17.1	22.6	25.9	20.0	20.8
Somewhat effective	4.4	7.2	9.1	6.5	6.3	8.9	13.3	12.1	9.0
Slightly or not effective	2.2	4.3	1.8	3.3	2.9	4.3	3.2	1.5	3.3
Estimated number of members	45	73	80	171	91	435	105	185	1,185

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality									
Extremely effective	2.3	3.1	4.4	5.6	3.7	6.2	2.8	2.8	4.6
Very effective	13.6	13.7	18.3	17.2	15.3	13.8	12.5	11.5	14.2
Moderately effective	27.3	19.9	26.0	32.1	19.8	20.1	26.6	26.4	24.2
Somewhat effective	31.8	30.9	21.6	20.6	20.3	30.4	31.2	38.3	29.1
Slightly or not effective	25.0	32.4	29.7	24.4	40.8	29.5	26.8	21.0	27.9
Estimated number of members	44	68	75	147	69	355	83	164	1,006

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl									
Extremely effective	2.6	3.3	3.4	3.2	4.1	5.1	2.5	4.6	4.1
Very effective	2.6	3.3	8.5	12.6	6.4	7.7	0	6.6	7.0
Moderately effective	7.7	14.9	9.9	17.1	12.5	16.3	9.0	11.0	13.7
Somewhat effective	15.4	18.4	35.0	21.8	17.8	15.5	20.9	20.9	19.6
Slightly or not effective	71.8	60.1	43.3	45.3	59.3	55.4	67.7	57.0	55.7
Estimated number of members	39	63	74	141	69	346	94	160	987

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Other (Please specify)									
Extremely effective	33.3	24.0	0	0	24.8	0	0	17.0	12.2
Very effective	33.3	25.1	0	0	75.2	100.0	0	32.1	28.5
Moderately effective	0	0	17.1	0	0	0	23.3	0	7.4
Somewhat effective	0	0	62.4	0	0	0	0	17.0	14.7
Slightly or not effective	33.3	50.9	20.5	100.0	0	0	76.7	33.9	37.2
Estimated number of members	3	4	7	2	5	2	7	8	38

9. Do the following CRP Continuous Signup provisions or factors help or hinder the achievement of the program's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Application process									
Greatly helps	26.7	24.0	29.8	14.6	12.5	16.1	13.2	10.4	16.7
Somewhat helps	26.7	23.8	28.7	29.8	31.1	33.5	34.4	28.4	30.8
Neither helps nor hinders	24.4	28.3	26.8	30.5	42.0	25.7	27.6	49.2	31.3
Somewhat hinders	20.0	19.3	11.5	23.2	14.3	20.8	15.7	12.0	18.2
Greatly hinders	2.2	4.5	3.2	2.0	0	3.9	9.0	0	3.1
Estimated number of members	45	70	86	166	78	378	83	149	1,056

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Continuous signup rather than specific signup periods									
Greatly helps	64.4	45.7	46.7	31.9	62.2	42.9	45.7	36.1	43.2
Somewhat helps	26.7	42.5	37.6	49.5	30.1	40.6	43.0	43.9	41.2
Neither helps nor hinders	4.4	11.9	11.2	13.6	7.7	11.1	7.3	17.3	11.6
Somewhat hinders	4.4	0	4.4	4.0	0	4.7	4.0	2.7	3.6
Greatly hinders	0	0	0	1.0	0	0.6	0	0	0.4
Estimated number of members	45	71	87	173	80	408	98	167	1,130

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Length of contract (10 to 15 years)									
Greatly helps	31.1	21.9	33.5	17.4	23.5	20.8	26.6	12.9	21.2
Somewhat helps	20.0	35.3	38.6	42.7	42.3	36.1	36.5	42.7	38.1
Neither helps nor hinders	26.7	23.6	17.5	24.1	24.7	19.8	22.5	33.0	23.4
Somewhat hinders	20.0	19.2	8.9	14.8	8.1	21.6	14.4	11.4	16.2
Greatly hinders	2.2	0	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.7	0	0	1.1
Estimated number of members	45	71	86	170	85	416	98	179	1,149

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Percentage of incentive payments (20%)									
Greatly helps	29.5	25.3	38.9	17.1	28.5	23.9	21.3	20.1	23.9
Somewhat helps	43.2	41.8	44.2	36.9	38.7	37.9	35.1	34.7	38.0
Neither helps nor hinders	18.2	10.5	7.2	14.7	11.6	14.1	14.7	18.6	14.1
Somewhat hinders	6.8	19.5	8.3	31.2	19.8	19.1	22.5	22.6	20.4
Greatly hinders	2.3	3.0	1.3	0	1.5	5.0	6.5	4.0	3.4
Estimated number of members	44	70	87	161	81	383	91	171	1,088

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Size of cost- share percentage									
Greatly helps	22.2	13.1	27.6	10.7	16.5	16.4	22.6	10.8	16.1
Somewhat helps	40.0	30.9	28.1	41.1	42.9	44.0	32.7	40.5	39.7
Neither helps nor hinders	17.8	25.1	20.6	18.3	14.4	14.3	15.1	20.2	17.2
Somewhat hinders	17.8	26.5	19.5	25.6	23.0	22.1	27.8	25.3	23.5
Greatly hinders	2.2	4.4	4.2	4.4	3.2	3.2	1.8	3.3	3.4
Estimated number of members	45	71	86	165	75	392	91	168	1,093

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Size of annual rental rate per acre									
Greatly helps	10.9	14.3	24.8	16.1	21.1	13.1	21.4	13.6	15.7
Somewhat helps	32.6	27.1	28.3	37.1	36.0	38.4	39.4	36.0	36.0
Neither helps nor hinders	10.9	12.8	7.2	16.3	7.4	10.9	4.4	16.7	11.6
Somewhat hinders	21.7	30.0	26.2	24.4	24.6	25.6	21.5	30.5	26.0
Greatly hinders	23.9	15.8	13.5	6.0	10.8	12.0	13.4	3.2	10.7
Estimated number of members	46	73	86	163	77	408	92	174	1,119

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. No payment for maintenance of existing practices									
Greatly helps	0	0	0	2.3	0	0	4.8	4.7	1.5
Somewhat helps	0	1.5	8.7	3.7	0	4.3	1.2	2.8	3.4
Neither helps nor hinders	30.2	35.3	44.4	19.1	26.9	30.2	19.2	18.8	26.9
Somewhat hinders	58.1	55.8	32.6	54.7	58.2	49.4	58.3	60.5	52.8
Greatly hinders	11.6	7.4	14.3	20.3	14.9	16.1	16.5	13.2	15.3
Estimated number of members	43	71	82	165	75	395	98	178	1,107

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Restriction on haying and grazing of land									
Greatly helps	6.7	2.9	6.4	4.9	33.4	7.8	15.9	3.8	8.8
Somewhat helps	6.7	7.3	10.3	9.2	15.2	11.8	15.7	7.5	10.7
Neither helps nor hinders	20.0	16.0	25.3	11.6	25.9	19.8	15.1	25.8	19.8
Somewhat hinders	35.6	57.5	38.8	55.5	25.6	46.0	43.7	50.3	46.2
Greatly hinders	31.1	16.2	19.2	18.7	0	14.7	9.7	12.6	14.6
Estimated number of members	45	71	87	171	84	403	93	184	1,139

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
9. Restrictions on acceptable conservation practices									
Greatly helps	2.3	2.8	9.2	5.1	18.2	5.6	7.2	4.0	6.3
Somewhat helps	11.4	8.8	17.6	11.8	24.6	15.1	17.3	12.9	14.8
Neither helps nor hinders	31.8	29.5	31.8	22.3	29.9	33.1	21.6	26.0	28.7
Somewhat hinders	38.6	48.5	34.0	53.1	23.9	37.9	46.4	50.6	42.3
Greatly hinders	15.9	10.4	7.4	7.8	3.6	8.3	7.4	6.5	7.9
Estimated number of members	44	71	87	168	82	391	97	174	1,115

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
10. Having program promotion at the state or local level									
Greatly helps	52.3	23.5	40.2	34.1	31.8	32.3	35.1	22.9	32.1
Somewhat helps	31.8	46.9	32.2	36.7	33.7	42.6	54.3	42.3	41.0
Neither helps nor hinders	15.9	28.1	26.1	24.7	31.5	20.1	8.5	29.0	22.9
Somewhat hinders	0	0	1.6	3.5	3.1	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.3
Greatly hinders	0	1.5	0	1.0	0	2.5	0	3.2	1.6
Estimated number of members	44	71	85	171	82	394	91	173	1,112

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
11. Other (Please specify)									
Greatly helps	14.3	0	13.5	0	23.7	62.6	39.8	0	33.2
Somewhat helps	28.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.2
Neither helps nor hinders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71.2	5.0
Somewhat hinders	0	0	13.5	0	17.8	0	0	28.8	5.8
Greatly hinders	57.1	100.0	73.0	100.0	58.4	37.4	60.2	0	52.8
Estimated number of members	7	3	9	3	7	24	6	4	63

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

10. Does your state have a CREP program? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
Yes	31.4	55.1	40.7	48.4	39.4	41.4	58.1	48.2	44.8
No	68.6	42.3	52.7	14.1	21.8	28.2	19.8	11.9	25.7
Don't know	0	2.6	6.5	37.5	38.8	30.4	22.1	39.9	29.4
Estimated number of members	51	79	100	243	150	742	139	273	1,776

11. How familiar are you with the CREP program? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
Extremely familiar	56.3	22.1	58.3	11.4	11.2	16.9	15.6	3.1	16.1
Very familiar	31.3	21.8	15.1	16.6	23.6	14.7	17.3	14.9	16.5
Moderately familiar	12.5	24.4	10.8	26.8	23.2	21.4	34.9	17.1	22.4
Somewhat familiar	0	17.1	7.4	18.6	11.5	11.5	22.1	30.9	16.7
Slightly or not familiar	0	14.6	8.3	26.6	30.6	35.5	10.0	33.9	28.2
Estimated number of members	16	43	43	134	59	376	93	155	920

12. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the CREP program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the CREP program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat									
Extremely effective	33.3	28.2	50.8	17.6	34.4	34.6	15.9	7.9	26.7
Very effective	46.7	31.1	36.6	29.2	32.0	26.3	22.3	31.8	28.8
Moderately effective	13.3	37.5	12.6	37.2	14.2	21.1	34.1	35.1	26.7
Somewhat effective	6.7	3.1	0	12.9	19.4	14.2	20.5	19.2	14.1
Slightly or not effective	0	0	0	3.1	0	3.9	7.2	6.0	3.6
Estimated number of members	15	34	27	58	34	176	70	62	475

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Protecting native species									
Extremely effective	28.6	12.6	41.5	5.7	22.1	18.4	5.7	7.9	15.0
Very effective	14.3	18.8	36.4	14.7	33.3	28.6	22.4	22.7	24.8
Moderately effective	21.4	43.7	17.8	44.5	13.6	21.4	23.6	32.4	27.0
Somewhat effective	35.7	18.7	4.3	19.7	22.1	21.4	26.9	28.0	22.2
Slightly or not effective	0	6.2	0	15.3	9.0	10.2	21.4	9.0	11.1
Estimated number of members	14	34	27	56	33	160	70	62	455

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion									
Extremely effective	33.3	19.3	32.6	22.7	8.3	31.5	14.4	20.3	23.9
Very effective	26.7	38.7	46.5	34.3	53.4	26.2	38.7	41.7	35.2
Moderately effective	20.0	25.9	15.3	29.2	21.2	32.4	19.3	38.0	28.2
Somewhat effective	13.3	12.9	5.6	0	12.3	7.6	20.9	0	8.4
Slightly or not effective	6.7	3.2	0	13.8	4.7	2.4	6.7	0	4.4
Estimated number of members	15	33	26	58	34	168	68	63	466

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality									
Extremely effective	20.0	6.5	42.3	11.2	7.9	22.5	11.9	12.9	17.0
Very effective	33.3	16.1	36.9	36.1	46.4	25.4	23.0	32.6	29.1
Moderately effective	26.7	42.0	9.9	31.1	13.0	27.9	23.7	43.7	28.8
Somewhat effective	6.7	25.8	10.8	12.4	22.4	16.0	31.6	10.8	17.7
Slightly or not effective	13.3	9.7	0	9.2	10.3	8.2	9.9	0	7.4
Estimated number of members	15	33	26	58	31	156	66	62	447

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality									
Extremely effective	46.7	35.6	61.2	27.7	26.1	41.7	19.8	20.7	33.7
Very effective	40.0	38.5	33.5	30.3	49.8	29.6	32.9	53.3	36.0
Moderately effective	6.7	9.7	5.4	31.8	15.5	18.2	20.1	23.0	18.9
Somewhat effective	0	13.0	0	3.5	8.7	5.8	20.5	3.0	7.5
Slightly or not effective	6.7	3.2	0	6.7	0	4.6	6.8	0	3.9
Estimated number of members	15	33	27	59	34	172	68	62	469

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality									
Extremely effective	0	3.2	8.7	0	0	15.2	0	0	6.3
Very effective	23.1	3.2	14.7	10.8	17.3	5.9	8.3	20.2	10.4
Moderately effective	30.8	9.8	39.5	29.2	31.7	26.1	16.4	27.6	25.3
Somewhat effective	23.1	41.9	28.5	15.8	20.6	24.2	35.7	23.5	26.3
Slightly or not effective	23.1	41.9	8.7	44.2	30.3	28.6	39.6	28.6	31.7
Estimated number of members	13	33	26	45	28	151	62	58	416

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl									
Extremely effective	8.3	6.5	5.5	3.8	6.0	8.6	0	0	5.2
Very effective	8.3	0	4.6	6.8	15.1	4.6	0	18.0	6.4
Moderately effective	8.3	16.2	49.8	14.4	27.2	30.0	19.9	5.8	22.8
Somewhat effective	16.7	9.6	20.8	18.6	6.0	17.7	18.2	23.5	17.4
Slightly or not effective	58.3	67.7	19.3	56.4	45.7	39.1	61.9	52.8	48.2
Estimated number of members	12	33	25	48	27	153	57	55	408

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Other (Please specify)								
Extremely effective	50.0	24.7	100.0	49.9	100.0	0	0	36.5
Very effective	0	25.1	0	50.1	0	36.5	0	20.5
Moderately effective	50.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.4
Somewhat effective	0	25.1	0	0	0	0	100.0	18.7
Slightly or not effective	0	25.1	0	0	0	63.5	0	19.8
Estimated number of members	2	4	1	3	3	5	3	23

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

13. How familiar are you with the WRP? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
Extremely familiar	49.0	33.9	9.9	5.6	21.3	8.8	19.3	3.6	11.6
Very familiar	41.2	32.3	7.4	15.5	20.2	18.5	24.2	11.7	18.2
Moderately familiar	9.8	20.2	33.9	24.8	18.8	23.1	27.2	24.6	23.7
Somewhat familiar	0	9.5	23.2	23.3	20.4	20.1	15.2	28.8	20.7
Slightly or not familiar	0	4.1	25.7	30.7	19.3	29.5	14.1	31.3	25.8
Estimated number of members	51	78	102	264	153	795	158	293	1,894

14. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the WRP program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the WRP program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat									
Extremely effective	66.0	57.7	23.6	21.7	52.1	33.1	43.8	8.4	32.9
Very effective	30.0	34.1	39.1	37.2	29.5	33.0	23.5	47.6	34.6
Moderately effective	4.0	6.9	25.6	27.4	10.4	26.6	16.5	28.4	22.6
Somewhat effective	0	1.3	9.9	12.7	6.6	6.1	13.3	8.0	7.7
Slightly or not effective	0	0	1.8	1.0	1.4	1.3	2.9	7.5	2.2
Estimated number of members	50	77	74	177	118	533	135	191	1,354

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Protecting native species									
Extremely effective	38.0	33.4	12.9	13.6	33.0	19.2	26.0	3.0	19.3
Very effective	40.0	37.5	37.5	29.3	26.1	29.0	22.4	34.0	30.2
Moderately effective	18.0	20.7	26.2	34.4	27.3	34.4	33.4	28.2	30.9
Somewhat effective	4.0	6.9	16.1	14.4	6.5	14.1	8.7	26.2	13.9
Slightly or not effective	0	1.4	7.3	8.3	7.0	3.3	9.5	8.6	5.6
Estimated number of members	50	75	70	167	117	502	135	184	1,301

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion									
Extremely effective	14.3	8.4	9.1	4.2	21.2	10.1	22.6	2.9	10.6
Very effective	18.4	25.2	13.4	26.4	20.6	24.4	25.7	23.6	23.6
Moderately effective	26.5	26.9	34.9	34.0	31.3	31.8	24.1	40.6	32.1
Somewhat effective	24.5	22.6	15.3	21.1	19.1	21.1	16.8	21.7	20.5
Slightly or not effective	16.3	17.0	27.3	14.3	7.9	12.6	10.9	11.4	13.3
Estimated number of members	49	74	69	167	115	497	131	178	1,280

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality									
Extremely effective	34.7	17.8	13.0	5.1	22.8	13.7	30.7	2.0	14.3
Very effective	46.9	34.2	31.4	35.6	28.9	29.3	18.9	36.7	31.2
Moderately effective	6.1	23.5	23.8	33.3	23.0	32.4	33.2	25.0	28.7
Somewhat effective	8.2	21.8	16.7	17.1	15.3	17.3	11.1	29.9	18.2
Slightly or not effective	4.1	2.8	15.0	8.9	9.9	7.3	6.1	6.5	7.5
Estimated number of members	49	77	70	170	113	503	127	188	1,296

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality									
Extremely effective	43.8	28.8	20.4	10.0	35.8	19.7	32.8	2.6	20.1
Very effective	45.8	39.7	30.9	40.2	32.9	38.1	29.2	46.2	38.2
Moderately effective	6.3	24.7	27.1	30.4	19.3	27.5	21.3	26.7	25.5
Somewhat effective	4.2	4.1	14.6	17.9	7.5	10.9	10.2	18.2	12.0
Slightly or not effective	0	2.7	7.0	1.6	4.5	3.8	6.4	6.4	4.2
Estimated number of members	48	77	70	173	117	520	132	190	1,326

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality									
Extremely effective	2.2	1.5	3.7	2.8	4.6	6.6	5.4	0	4.2
Very effective	6.5	16.2	9.5	7.3	13.0	6.8	17.0	7.8	9.3
Moderately effective	39.1	11.8	20.1	23.5	22.2	31.1	19.5	15.4	24.4
Somewhat effective	23.9	32.4	23.5	31.0	21.0	23.6	23.1	34.0	26.4
Slightly or not effective	28.3	38.2	43.1	35.4	39.2	31.9	35.0	42.9	35.8
Estimated number of members	46	71	65	138	91	414	104	158	1,087

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl									
Extremely effective	15.9	11.6	3.7	3.8	11.3	5.5	11.1	1.1	6.4
Very effective	15.9	13.0	11.1	17.9	11.7	10.6	5.1	10.5	11.5
Moderately effective	25.0	14.6	15.8	18.7	22.3	28.6	18.0	15.1	22.0
Somewhat effective	9.1	24.7	32.6	22.1	20.7	15.9	23.1	21.0	19.8
Slightly or not effective	34.1	36.1	36.7	37.4	34.0	39.4	42.7	52.2	40.3
Estimated number of members	44	72	64	157	92	432	114	159	1,134

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Other (Please specify)									
Extremely effective	60.0	33.3	0	22.1	53.3	9.9	0	0	17.0
Very effective	0	0	0	0	46.7	34.7	35.5	0	20.1
Moderately effective	0	33.3	49.1	48.1	0	41.9	29.1	10.4	27.8
Somewhat effective	40.0	33.3	0	0	0	13.4	0	0	9.7
Slightly or not effective	0	0	50.9	29.8	0	0	35.5	89.6	25.4
Estimated number of members	5	3	3	6	6	23	6	12	63

15. Do the following WRP provisions or factors help or hinder the achievement of the program's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Application process									
Greatly helps	12.2	11.0	5.3	6.5	8.3	5.4	0	0	5.3
Somewhat helps	18.4	12.7	22.4	17.0	18.3	17.6	16.4	16.8	17.3
Neither helps nor hinders	36.7	34.6	36.4	32.6	42.0	32.8	40.3	59.7	38.1
Somewhat hinders	28.6	34.7	26.1	39.5	25.7	38.7	28.0	22.6	33.3
Greatly hinders	4.1	7.0	9.7	4.5	5.7	5.5	15.3	0.9	6.0
Estimated number of members	49	75	52	134	88	440	103	137	1,077

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Determination of easement price based on the agricultural value of the land rather than the market value of the land									
Greatly helps	6.3	6.9	4.5	6.9	8.2	3.4	8.2	0.8	4.7
Somewhat helps	12.5	8.3	23.7	14.6	9.9	20.3	10.9	17.6	16.5
Neither helps nor hinders	22.9	22.0	21.4	14.4	9.9	16.4	9.9	11.9	15.2
Somewhat hinders	39.6	42.0	33.7	53.7	53.0	43.6	46.2	48.9	46.0
Greatly hinders	18.8	20.9	16.8	10.3	19.0	16.2	24.7	20.8	17.5
Estimated number of members	48	75	55	153	96	463	106	165	1,161

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Length of easement (thirty years or perpetuity)									
Greatly helps	27.1	16.2	11.6	12.7	41.7	22.3	30.6	3.8	20.3
Somewhat helps	22.9	35.2	27.6	21.6	18.1	23.8	29.4	26.0	24.8
Neither helps nor hinders	25.0	20.4	17.5	14.3	22.0	18.4	15.4	11.4	17.3
Somewhat hinders	18.8	26.9	27.3	36.8	11.8	32.0	18.0	41.7	29.8
Greatly hinders	6.3	1.4	16.0	14.6	6.4	3.4	6.6	17.1	7.9
Estimated number of members	48	77	61	154	105	494	117	170	1,225

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Size of cost- share percentage									
Greatly helps	25.5	27.3	22.3	9.5	40.7	18.6	24.8	6.5	19.3
Somewhat helps	34.0	37.0	31.0	28.3	25.6	33.7	34.6	30.2	32.1
Neither helps nor hinders	31.9	22.0	22.1	27.4	10.7	16.6	16.3	24.7	19.8
Somewhat hinders	8.5	12.3	24.6	28.5	21.5	28.3	20.5	36.0	26.0
Greatly hinders	0	1.4	0	6.4	1.5	2.8	3.7	2.5	2.8
Estimated number of members	47	76	61	144	92	463	106	146	1,135

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. No payment to maintain previously protected wetlands									
Greatly helps	0	1.4	1.6	0	2.6	0.7	3.1	1.6	1.2
Somewhat helps	2.2	4.2	1.8	4.0	3.9	7.4	4.0	2.6	5.0
Neither helps nor hinders	45.7	41.6	44.3	21.7	28.3	31.0	31.1	19.7	29.9
Somewhat hinders	47.8	47.2	45.8	55.8	50.8	48.1	43.2	53.3	49.4
Greatly hinders	4.3	5.6	6.5	18.6	14.4	12.8	18.6	22.8	14.5
Estimated number of members	46	75	64	159	99	480	110	165	1,197

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Limit on the percentage of land that may be enrolled in a county (25%)									
Greatly helps	0	0	1.7	1.0	6.4	0	1.6	2.6	1.2
Somewhat helps	6.1	4.0	3.8	3.0	0	4.4	2.7	3.3	3.6
Neither helps nor hinders	69.4	65.6	67.8	48.0	32.3	54.0	55.2	52.0	53.4
Somewhat hinders	20.4	25.1	25.2	40.7	45.0	35.4	27.4	36.5	34.5
Greatly hinders	4.1	5.3	1.5	7.2	16.4	6.2	13.2	5.6	7.3
Estimated number of members	49	79	65	159	97	457	104	154	1,163

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Restrictions on land use									
Greatly helps	8.2	5.4	5.5	2.1	33.5	9.2	20.3	0.8	9.8
Somewhat helps	14.3	14.9	14.8	16.9	22.8	16.5	25.0	7.9	16.4
Neither helps nor hinders	34.7	24.1	29.4	18.4	20.8	24.3	22.6	19.5	23.1
Somewhat hinders	40.8	51.6	48.8	49.1	17.5	43.1	30.2	49.5	42.1
Greatly hinders	2.0	4.1	1.6	13.5	5.4	6.8	1.9	22.3	8.6
Estimated number of members	49	77	64	161	104	494	116	169	1,234

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Having program promotion at the state or local level									
Greatly helps	59.2	32.5	28.2	29.9	39.2	27.6	40.7	12.2	29.7
Somewhat helps	22.4	43.0	36.9	44.6	32.5	44.3	41.7	54.1	43.0
Neither helps nor hinders	16.3	24.5	33.1	23.4	22.6	23.2	12.1	29.0	23.2
Somewhat hinders	2.0	0	1.9	2.1	4.3	3.8	3.6	1.2	2.8
Greatly hinders	0	0	0	0	1.3	1.2	1.8	3.5	1.2
Estimated number of members	49	77	62	159	97	466	108	158	1,177

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
9. Other (Please specify)									
Greatly helps	42.9	0	0	0	0	26.9	36.5	0	18.3
Somewhat helps	14.3	0	0	50.0	0	0	0	0	3.4
Neither helps nor hinders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.8	4.8
Somewhat hinders	0	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	21.8	6.4
Greatly hinders	42.9	74.5	100.0	50.0	100.0	73.1	63.5	56.4	67.0
Estimated number of members	7	4	1	2	6	19	11	15	66

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

16. How familiar are you with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
Extremely familiar	70.0	61.9	49.3	18.6	5.2	15.1	9.4	12.4	19.1
Very familiar	28.0	17.1	31.8	26.9	18.5	32.6	23.8	27.2	28.3
Moderately familiar	2.0	15.8	11.1	23.7	36.9	31.7	26.3	40.6	29.5
Somewhat familiar	0	2.6	5.6	13.7	14.3	9.8	19.9	13.3	11.3
Slightly or not familiar	0	2.6	2.2	17.0	25.1	10.8	20.6	6.4	11.8
Estimated number of members	50	80	98	261	147	808	153	304	1,902

17. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the EQIP program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the EQIP program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat									
Extremely effective	11.5	7.7	6.9	7.9	4.1	4.2	6.1	11.1	6.6
Very effective	42.3	32.9	13.8	22.3	13.3	27.1	18.1	19.6	23.5
Moderately effective	30.8	30.4	30.3	35.5	29.9	34.7	27.1	31.8	32.8
Somewhat effective	13.5	19.7	32.1	21.9	29.0	20.3	24.5	28.7	23.3
Slightly or not effective	1.9	9.3	16.9	12.5	23.8	13.7	24.2	8.7	13.8
Estimated number of members	52	80	99	219	109	667	122	267	1,615

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Protecting native species									
Extremely effective	9.8	5.2	3.6	4.8	2.8	4.4	4.7	10.5	5.6
Very effective	25.5	17.4	10.3	17.4	10.0	15.0	9.2	11.3	14.1
Moderately effective	25.5	29.3	29.8	33.0	28.5	33.2	22.9	31.0	31.0
Somewhat effective	27.5	28.1	36.1	30.2	23.0	25.4	31.5	29.8	28.0
Slightly or not effective	11.8	20.1	20.2	14.6	35.9	22.1	31.7	17.3	21.4
Estimated number of members	51	79	96	210	104	633	120	260	1,553

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion									
Extremely effective	36.5	29.1	11.9	11.9	6.3	13.2	6.0	19.2	14.5
Very effective	55.8	52.5	30.4	44.4	43.3	41.6	25.6	35.8	40.3
Moderately effective	3.8	14.5	34.1	31.7	31.1	34.6	44.9	29.0	31.8
Somewhat effective	1.9	4.0	19.5	10.6	19.3	8.2	21.5	11.9	11.1
Slightly or not effective	1.9	0	4.2	1.4	0	2.3	2.0	4.0	2.3
Estimated number of members	52	80	99	215	113	690	119	275	1,643

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality									
Extremely effective	28.8	22.5	13.9	16.4	6.2	14.0	7.9	13.4	14.2
Very effective	50.0	44.5	34.0	29.1	31.2	32.9	32.2	39.2	34.5
Moderately effective	17.3	25.1	33.6	38.1	21.2	37.9	26.8	26.6	32.5
Somewhat effective	1.9	7.9	15.5	12.8	25.4	11.6	33.1	16.5	14.8
Slightly or not effective	1.9	0	3.0	3.7	15.9	3.6	0	4.3	4.0
Estimated number of members	52	80	96	213	106	654	110	273	1,584

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality									
Extremely effective	50.0	42.3	10.7	19.2	16.5	19.8	12.9	22.5	21.0
Very effective	44.2	49.8	40.5	37.3	28.7	39.3	35.5	43.8	39.5
Moderately effective	3.8	7.9	38.5	33.8	35.4	32.1	32.0	23.2	29.3
Somewhat effective	1.9	0	8.8	8.1	14.8	7.5	19.5	7.2	8.4
Slightly or not effective	0	0	1.5	1.6	4.7	1.3	0	3.4	1.7
Estimated number of members	52	80	95	218	113	691	117	278	1,644

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality									
Extremely effective	13.7	6.7	1.5	4.8	0	5.9	3.6	9.9	6.0
Very effective	19.6	22.6	18.1	13.3	6.8	17.8	8.3	11.9	15.2
Moderately effective	35.3	24.0	30.1	33.3	32.6	29.4	26.3	25.5	29.1
Somewhat effective	23.5	30.6	17.5	25.6	28.9	24.4	37.7	22.4	25.2
Slightly or not effective	7.8	16.0	32.8	23.0	31.8	22.5	24.2	30.3	24.5
Estimated number of members	51	79	94	184	86	577	100	259	1,430

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl									
Extremely effective	4.4	1.5	4.4	1.0	2.0	4.4	2.4	4.2	3.4
Very effective	4.4	5.8	5.5	10.2	5.2	7.4	2.4	4.7	6.5
Moderately effective	24.4	16.2	11.9	23.1	7.1	16.2	12.2	13.2	15.8
Somewhat effective	22.2	14.8	26.5	18.8	19.5	18.1	10.1	28.5	20.0
Slightly or not effective	44.4	61.8	51.7	46.9	66.2	54.0	73.0	49.5	54.3
Estimated number of members	45	71	94	186	78	523	99	225	1,322

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Other (Please specify)								
Extremely effective	57.1	50.4	0	0	57.3	45.1	0	39.5
Very effective	14.3	15.9	20.0	0	0	0	0	8.0
Moderately effective	14.3	33.7	0	0	19.1	0	0	13.7
Somewhat effective	0	0	21.4	0	23.5	0	0	11.1
Slightly or not effective	14.3	0	58.6	100.0	0	54.9	100.0	27.7
Estimated number of members	7	6	7	3	13	4	1	42

18. Do the following EQIP provisions or factors help or hinder the achievement of the program's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Application process									
Greatly helps	5.9	4.0	6.7	7.1	3.1	3.7	6.6	0.6	4.0
Somewhat helps	11.8	17.3	21.2	13.1	13.4	15.9	9.5	20.2	16.0
Neither helps nor hinders	15.7	18.8	17.6	30.0	40.3	25.9	36.7	32.1	27.7
Somewhat hinders	51.0	42.5	30.8	33.7	33.4	37.7	28.7	37.2	36.6
Greatly hinders	15.7	17.4	23.7	16.1	9.8	16.8	18.5	10.0	15.7
Estimated number of members	51	79	94	194	83	651	89	245	1,485

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Method of allocating funds to states									
Greatly helps	2.0	3.0	3.7	1.9	0	2.4	5.6	1.1	2.3
Somewhat helps	10.0	11.7	16.9	13.1	7.5	14.0	17.2	14.0	13.7
Neither helps nor hinders	36.0	25.0	26.1	18.9	31.2	17.3	23.2	15.7	20.0
Somewhat hinders	44.0	42.7	35.9	45.2	40.5	45.2	39.8	40.1	42.9
Greatly hinders	8.0	17.6	17.4	20.9	20.8	21.1	14.2	29.2	21.0
Estimated number of members	50	71	89	180	71	579	92	227	1,359

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Method of prioritizing environmental objectives in your state									
Greatly helps	35.3	21.4	8.8	12.5	7.5	8.0	7.5	6.6	9.9
Somewhat helps	39.2	54.2	29.9	31.3	44.7	33.3	32.5	34.9	35.0
Neither helps nor hinders	17.6	6.8	13.1	19.9	11.4	16.7	7.9	15.3	15.3
Somewhat hinders	7.8	17.6	33.9	23.1	21.6	30.7	46.5	29.5	28.7
Greatly hinders	0	0	14.3	13.2	14.8	11.2	5.6	13.7	11.0
Estimated number of members	51	78	93	207	101	674	100	263	1,565

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Minimum of 65% of state funds allocated to priority areas									
Greatly helps	11.8	13.4	6.0	11.1	10.1	8.1	9.5	8.6	9.1
Somewhat helps	35.3	40.0	16.2	30.2	52.5	28.5	37.7	20.9	29.8
Neither helps nor hinders	15.7	12.1	26.8	18.5	16.7	19.9	15.9	15.5	18.4
Somewhat hinders	31.4	29.3	35.3	27.0	17.8	33.7	29.4	40.7	32.4
Greatly hinders	5.9	5.2	15.7	13.2	2.9	9.9	7.6	14.3	10.4
Estimated number of members	51	79	93	204	99	657	108	247	1,538

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Length of contract (5 to 10 years)									
Greatly helps	11.8	6.7	6.4	8.1	8.0	7.8	6.6	4.6	7.2
Somewhat helps	23.5	30.1	18.9	43.6	40.5	31.1	21.7	29.1	31.3
Neither helps nor hinders	19.6	22.4	27.7	24.8	34.6	35.9	52.5	36.1	33.7
Somewhat hinders	37.3	37.0	28.1	17.5	15.6	17.5	19.2	27.6	21.4
Greatly hinders	7.8	3.9	18.9	6.0	1.3	7.7	0	2.7	6.3
Estimated number of members	51	80	95	205	94	669	101	251	1,547

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Ability for producers to bid down cost-share to be more competitive									
Greatly helps	2.0	6.7	4.4	4.3	7.7	5.8	9.6	6.5	5.9
Somewhat helps	16.0	27.3	29.5	40.7	61.2	38.3	57.4	43.3	40.1
Neither helps nor hinders	22.0	26.2	19.5	17.6	15.4	16.1	22.4	25.0	19.1
Somewhat hinders	44.0	24.8	25.4	24.3	13.8	20.4	8.1	20.8	21.2
Greatly hinders	16.0	15.1	21.2	13.1	1.9	19.5	2.5	4.3	13.7
Estimated number of members	50	76	93	198	83	587	96	230	1,413

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Size of maximum annual (\$10,000/year)and total rental payments (\$50,000/total)									
Greatly helps	5.9	5.3	4.9	6.6	6.0	4.2	9.3	2.6	4.9
Somewhat helps	7.8	12.1	26.1	18.1	19.1	19.9	11.1	18.2	18.3
Neither helps nor hinders	27.5	26.0	34.6	36.5	32.5	28.6	30.9	12.3	27.6
Somewhat hinders	39.2	45.8	27.4	30.1	42.4	35.3	37.4	53.9	38.4
Greatly hinders	19.6	10.8	6.9	8.7	0	12.0	11.3	13.0	10.8
Estimated number of members	51	78	93	209	87	628	100	244	1,490

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Percentage (50%) of funds targeted to natural resource concerns relating to livestock production									
Greatly helps	11.8	9.1	6.6	16.5	10.8	10.0	13.7	20.1	12.7
Somewhat helps	19.6	28.9	24.0	21.9	35.6	29.0	27.5	29.3	27.8
Neither helps nor hinders	56.9	38.5	45.8	27.8	34.7	23.9	17.3	19.2	27.1
Somewhat hinders	11.8	20.7	22.0	29.1	17.9	27.9	35.0	21.0	25.5
Greatly hinders	0	2.7	1.5	4.7	1.1	9.2	6.4	10.5	7.0
Estimated number of members	51	80	94	202	94	638	102	260	1,520

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
9. No payment in first year									
Greatly helps	0	0	1.5	0	2.1	0.9	0	4.0	1.2
Somewhat helps	0	2.6	2.9	4.5	3.8	5.4	5.2	0.6	3.9
Neither helps nor hinders	0	5.3	15.5	15.6	25.2	14.1	10.7	12.9	13.6
Somewhat hinders	27.5	56.0	36.5	52.9	57.3	51.5	62.2	60.9	52.5
Greatly hinders	72.5	36.1	43.5	27.1	11.6	28.0	21.9	21.5	28.7
Estimated number of members	51	79	95	193	77	618	90	217	1,420

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
10. No payment for maintenance of existing practices									
Greatly helps	0	0	0	0	1.8	0.4	1.2	1.3	0.6
Somewhat helps	4.2	4.0	2.9	5.3	8.0	4.7	0	1.3	3.9
Neither helps nor hinders	37.5	44.0	46.1	17.5	31.1	29.4	22.6	13.8	26.9
Somewhat hinders	37.5	39.9	38.9	54.6	54.4	49.6	52.6	59.7	50.9
Greatly hinders	20.8	12.0	12.1	22.6	4.6	15.9	23.6	24.0	17.7
Estimated number of members	48	79	92	201	88	657	99	247	1,509

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
11. Requirement that FSA concur on policies and procedures									
Greatly helps	0	0	38.9	19.3	2.8	3.5	0	0.6	7.0
Somewhat helps	5.9	6.5	35.1	14.8	11.0	11.1	13.8	15.7	13.6
Neither helps nor hinders	17.6	22.3	22.6	33.2	39.5	40.9	29.7	46.6	36.9
Somewhat hinders	41.2	47.3	2.3	22.7	30.8	29.1	45.0	29.1	29.0
Greatly hinders	35.3	23.8	1.1	10.0	15.8	15.4	11.5	8.0	13.5
Estimated number of members	51	80	93	206	87	608	88	224	1,436

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
12. Limit on incentive payments (3 years)									
Greatly helps	0	1.3	16.1	4.3	0	0.4	0	0.6	2.0
Somewhat helps	12.0	9.2	18.9	6.6	11.5	7.0	3.5	3.0	7.4
Neither helps nor hinders	46.0	44.1	40.8	31.0	28.1	40.5	17.1	25.5	34.9
Somewhat hinders	36.0	40.1	21.3	52.3	51.3	41.9	68.9	62.9	47.5
Greatly hinders	6.0	5.3	2.9	5.8	9.1	10.2	10.4	8.0	8.3
Estimated number of members	50	79	89	195	78	589	96	229	1,405

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
13. Prohibition on cost-sharing animal waste storage or treatment facilities for large confined livestock operations									
Greatly helps	2.0	10.9	6.4	8.7	14.3	6.3	14.2	2.9	7.1
Somewhat helps	13.7	9.7	16.3	11.1	17.4	9.3	22.4	5.7	10.9
Neither helps nor hinders	21.6	25.9	29.4	30.7	24.0	18.7	22.6	15.3	21.6
Somewhat hinders	51.0	38.3	37.8	33.5	29.9	47.2	27.7	37.8	40.4
Greatly hinders	11.8	15.2	10.2	15.9	14.4	18.5	13.1	38.3	20.0
Estimated number of members	51	76	90	193	80	568	95	242	1,396

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
14. Having program promotion at the state or local level									
Greatly helps	60.0	32.9	33.0	35.6	33.3	28.6	35.2	18.5	30.2
Somewhat helps	22.0	47.1	43.5	38.9	33.2	46.6	46.4	46.9	43.7
Neither helps nor hinders	16.0	19.9	19.5	22.3	28.1	20.9	13.2	27.2	21.8
Somewhat hinders	2.0	0	2.5	3.2	4.1	2.1	5.2	2.8	2.6
Greatly hinders	0	0	1.5	0	1.4	1.8	0	4.5	1.7
Estimated number of members	50	80	93	201	94	620	99	246	1,482

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
15. Other (Please specify)									
Greatly helps	0	12.6	19.4	43.5	0	0	100.0	0	16.6
Neither helps nor hinders	0	0	15.7	0	0	0	0	0	1.5
Somewhat hinders	12.5	0	0	15.0	0	39.7	0	9.3	14.4
Greatly hinders	87.5	87.4	64.9	41.5	100.0	60.3	0	90.7	67.5
Estimated number of members	8	8	7	14	4	16	4	14	76

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

19. How familiar are you with the WHIP? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
Extremely familiar	51.0	42.3	6.5	6.3	13.3	12.1	11.6	0.8	11.6
Very familiar	37.3	17.9	10.6	10.5	20.6	13.8	28.8	10.1	15.1
Moderately familiar	9.8	17.8	21.8	26.1	19.0	25.5	21.9	21.2	23.2
Somewhat familiar	2.0	15.5	25.7	19.8	17.4	19.3	17.2	33.9	21.1
Slightly or not familiar	0	6.5	35.3	37.3	29.7	29.3	20.5	33.9	29.0
Estimated number of members	51	82	98	268	153	822	156	302	1,932

20. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the WHIP program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the WHIP program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat									
Extremely effective	84.3	50.8	25.3	22.2	36.1	35.6	30.0	13.5	32.7
Very effective	11.8	35.5	36.1	41.9	39.6	35.5	29.9	44.5	36.5
Moderately effective	2.0	11.0	25.0	22.7	15.9	26.4	22.8	35.2	24.1
Somewhat effective	0	2.7	9.9	10.0	8.4	1.0	17.3	5.2	5.3
Slightly or not effective	2.0	0	3.7	3.3	0	1.5	0	1.7	1.5
Estimated number of members	51	76	61	165	104	560	123	185	1,327

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Protecting native species									
Extremely effective	43.1	39.1	11.7	13.4	24.4	18.0	16.7	6.2	18.1
Very effective	33.3	23.7	32.8	29.0	43.5	39.0	28.8	32.3	34.8
Moderately effective	15.7	20.8	35.4	38.6	21.2	33.1	28.3	43.9	32.6
Somewhat effective	3.9	15.1	7.8	11.1	8.2	8.9	21.0	11.1	10.7
Slightly or not effective	3.9	1.4	12.2	8.0	2.8	0.9	5.2	6.5	3.8
Estimated number of members	51	75	60	159	102	541	125	177	1,290

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion									
Extremely effective	9.8	6.9	1.8	6.0	7.9	7.8	4.2	2.8	6.3
Very effective	31.4	27.7	14.5	26.4	33.3	27.5	21.9	22.1	26.2
Moderately effective	43.1	31.9	34.4	33.1	35.9	38.0	41.0	38.7	37.3
Somewhat effective	9.8	23.8	25.3	24.5	17.3	19.8	27.5	27.7	22.1
Slightly or not effective	5.9	9.6	24.1	10.0	5.6	6.9	5.4	8.5	8.1
Estimated number of members	51	75	57	158	101	546	119	171	1,278

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality									
Extremely effective	6.0	8.4	1.8	5.1	8.9	6.5	4.7	0	5.3
Very effective	20.0	18.3	13.0	19.9	26.8	19.8	10.5	18.0	18.9
Moderately effective	38.0	29.6	36.4	34.0	24.6	37.4	46.0	38.7	36.5
Somewhat effective	26.0	29.6	24.5	30.1	22.3	23.5	33.8	32.5	26.9
Slightly or not effective	10.0	14.1	24.3	11.0	17.4	12.9	5.0	10.8	12.5
Estimated number of members	50	74	55	154	92	531	111	167	1,234

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality									
Extremely effective	13.7	12.5	1.8	8.6	15.1	11.4	4.4	0	8.9
Very effective	37.3	36.1	17.5	25.8	35.8	32.4	21.7	22.6	29.3
Moderately effective	37.3	26.4	39.9	31.7	27.4	34.9	37.4	50.1	36.0
Somewhat effective	5.9	22.2	23.7	25.7	16.0	13.7	35.6	21.1	19.0
Slightly or not effective	5.9	2.8	17.2	8.2	5.7	7.6	0.9	6.2	6.8
Estimated number of members	51	75	57	158	99	545	117	174	1,276

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality									
Extremely effective	2.0	0	1.9	0.9	0	4.1	2.5	0	2.2
Very effective	15.7	13.4	8.8	13.6	13.1	8.5	5.7	12.3	10.4
Moderately effective	27.5	26.9	30.2	28.4	21.2	24.6	31.0	18.6	25.1
Somewhat effective	25.5	23.9	13.5	27.1	18.3	26.2	21.0	35.9	25.9
Slightly or not effective	29.4	35.8	45.7	30.1	47.3	36.6	39.9	33.2	36.4
Estimated number of members	51	70	54	138	78	458	96	155	1,099

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl									
Extremely effective	0	3.1	2.5	0.9	1.8	3.9	4.4	0.9	2.7
Very effective	8.3	10.5	5.2	7.6	5.3	6.6	5.2	1.6	6.1
Moderately effective	22.9	10.8	14.3	19.3	12.7	17.0	14.6	18.5	16.7
Somewhat effective	8.3	18.2	21.7	15.9	18.0	22.1	15.5	26.7	20.1
Slightly or not effective	60.4	57.5	56.3	56.3	62.2	50.2	60.3	52.3	54.4
Estimated number of members	48	69	54	139	91	450	107	150	1,107

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Other (Please specify)									
Extremely effective	50.0	75.0	0	0	0	35.5	57.1	0	36.8
Very effective	25.0	0	0	0	57.3	17.7	0	100.0	21.6
Moderately effective	25.0	0	0	0	0	27.5	0	0	14.1
Somewhat effective	0	25.0	0	0	42.7	0	0	0	6.4
Slightly or not effective	0	0	100.0	100.0	0	19.4	42.9	0	21.0
Estimated number of members	4	4	1	1	3	14	5	2	35

21. Do the following WHIP provisions or factors help or hinder the achievement of the program's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Application process									
Greatly helps	13.5	7.3	7.0	7.0	3.9	9.7	9.1	0	7.6
Somewhat helps	32.7	24.9	22.4	17.2	20.1	19.6	15.7	18.0	19.9
Neither helps nor hinders	32.7	43.2	37.4	42.4	44.3	40.0	38.3	63.0	42.9
Somewhat hinders	19.2	23.1	26.4	28.2	28.7	26.5	27.2	18.0	25.4
Greatly hinders	1.9	1.5	6.9	5.2	3.0	4.2	9.7	1.1	4.2
Estimated number of members	52	72	54	138	88	468	104	130	1,106

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Length of contract (5 to 10 years)									
Greatly helps	13.5	5.9	7.8	9.4	11.0	9.3	9.3	2.5	8.5
Somewhat helps	34.6	35.3	33.5	35.9	28.4	33.3	32.0	36.4	33.7
Neither helps nor hinders	25.0	31.0	36.7	26.8	38.7	33.0	42.7	48.9	35.4
Somewhat hinders	21.2	25.0	17.1	24.5	21.9	21.6	16.0	11.4	20.1
Greatly hinders	5.8	2.9	4.9	3.4	0	2.8	0	0.9	2.4
Estimated number of members	52	71	58	156	91	513	118	161	1,219

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Size of cost- share percentage									
Greatly helps	9.6	8.6	10.1	3.8	13.3	6.2	10.7	1.7	6.7
Somewhat helps	36.5	53.6	38.4	40.4	37.1	44.1	38.8	37.1	41.6
Neither helps nor hinders	25.0	21.9	28.7	19.4	16.6	15.4	19.0	22.2	18.7
Somewhat hinders	26.9	15.8	20.6	29.6	31.6	31.7	30.6	31.1	29.6
Greatly hinders	1.9	0	2.3	6.8	1.4	2.7	0.9	7.8	3.4
Estimated number of members	52	72	58	152	88	493	115	159	1,188

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. No payment for maintenance of existing practices									
Greatly helps	0	0	1.8	0.9	1.5	0.5	1.0	0	0.6
Somewhat helps	0	4.1	2.6	1.9	1.5	5.3	5.8	1.1	3.7
Neither helps nor hinders	46.0	38.1	33.5	21.8	35.7	29.0	25.1	11.1	27.2
Somewhat hinders	42.0	57.8	50.1	62.9	57.5	53.9	57.0	74.1	57.9
Greatly hinders	12.0	0	12.0	12.5	3.9	11.3	11.1	13.7	10.6
Estimated number of members	50	74	55	156	88	514	115	163	1,216

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Lack of annual rental payments									
Greatly helps	0	1.5	1.8	0	1.4	0.6	0	0	0.6
Somewhat helps	2.1	1.4	2.6	0	1.4	4.7	4.6	3.0	3.2
Neither helps nor hinders	40.4	35.5	22.8	18.9	29.8	30.2	27.8	19.6	27.4
Somewhat hinders	48.9	53.1	58.9	68.7	55.1	49.4	39.8	61.6	53.8
Greatly hinders	8.5	8.6	13.9	12.4	12.3	15.0	27.7	15.8	15.0
Estimated number of members	47	73	55	152	90	489	102	161	1,168

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Having program promotion at the state or local level									
Greatly helps	57.7	35.3	28.1	27.9	32.4	32.3	40.2	14.5	31.2
Somewhat helps	28.8	43.4	46.9	36.2	33.9	46.3	44.3	51.7	43.6
Neither helps nor hinders	11.5	21.3	25.0	30.7	29.7	16.1	12.2	25.7	20.5
Somewhat hinders	1.9	0	0	5.2	2.7	3.3	3.4	1.2	2.8
Greatly hinders	0	0	0	0	1.4	2.0	0	7.0	1.9
Estimated number of members	52	74	57	155	93	494	106	158	1,190

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Other (Please specify)								
Greatly helps	16.7	0	0	0	38.6	17.2	0	17.5
Neither helps nor hinders	0	0	0	0	0	0	29.8	5.4
Somewhat hinders	16.7	0	0	15.1	0	0	0	3.8
Greatly hinders	66.7	100.0	100.0	84.9	61.4	82.8	70.2	73.3
Estimated number of members	6	1	4	8	20	9	11	59

Farmland Protection Program (FPP)

22. Does your state have an FPP program? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
Yes	48.0	65.6	35.1	26.5	19.8	32.3	22.9	26.9	30.9
No	52.0	28.0	34.6	15.8	14.9	20.9	11.4	13.3	19.6
Don't know	0	6.4	30.3	57.7	65.3	46.8	65.7	59.8	49.6
Estimated number of members	50	82	99	265	154	793	155	291	1,888

23. How familiar are you with the FPP program? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
Extremely familiar	38.5	19.6	11.7	9.3	0	8.1	0	4.1	8.6
Very familiar	38.5	11.8	13.9	3.1	2.4	9.5	5.2	14.8	10.1
Moderately familiar	15.4	23.5	10.7	14.6	11.1	15.7	33.9	17.2	16.8
Somewhat familiar	7.7	25.5	19.9	26.7	25.8	23.0	4.3	24.7	22.4
Slightly or not familiar	0	19.5	43.8	46.3	60.6	43.6	56.6	39.2	42.1
Estimated number of members	26	54	47	104	51	358	45	121	805

24. Consider only the parcels of land in your state that are enrolled in the FPP program. Where it is applied, how effective, if at all, is the FPP program in encouraging producers/landowners in your state to engage in practices that benefit the following environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat									
Extremely effective	5.9	6.7	6.9	6.2	19.5	11.9	0	4.2	8.7
Very effective	41.2	13.3	12.9	12.4	9.9	23.8	20.3	8.5	18.5
Moderately effective	29.4	53.3	59.5	36.1	41.9	16.4	0	43.6	31.5
Somewhat effective	23.5	16.7	20.7	33.0	19.2	41.5	79.7	9.8	30.5
Slightly or not effective	0	10.0	0	12.4	9.6	6.4	0	33.9	10.9
Estimated number of members	17	32	20	29	13	111	10	44	274

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Protecting native species									
Extremely effective	0	3.5	0	6.6	19.5	11.9	0	4.2	7.6
Very effective	31.3	7.1	21.3	0	0	11.7	0	4.2	9.7
Moderately effective	37.5	28.6	37.7	31.7	41.9	23.1	20.3	39.3	29.8
Somewhat effective	18.8	32.1	34.9	34.3	9.9	29.2	59.5	4.2	25.9
Slightly or not effective	12.5	28.6	6.2	27.4	28.7	24.1	20.3	48.0	27.0
Estimated number of members	16	30	18	27	13	111	10	44	268

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion									
Extremely effective	11.8	3.3	0	11.6	9.6	11.9	0	7.8	8.8
Very effective	29.4	20.0	12.9	5.8	29.4	22.8	44.5	16.8	20.4
Moderately effective	47.1	26.7	41.1	45.6	28.7	44.8	0	37.8	39.3
Somewhat effective	5.9	40.0	34.6	18.4	12.8	17.7	35.2	28.5	23.0
Slightly or not effective	5.9	10.0	11.5	18.5	19.5	2.8	20.3	9.0	8.6
Estimated number of members	17	32	20	31	13	111	10	47	280

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality									
Extremely effective	17.6	0	7.4	6.2	19.5	11.9	0	7.8	9.2
Very effective	35.3	23.3	13.7	18.5	22.7	2.8	20.3	15.6	13.2
Moderately effective	23.5	26.7	44.7	37.1	19.5	49.1	24.3	37.8	39.3
Somewhat effective	17.6	46.7	34.3	24.9	28.7	30.5	35.2	29.7	31.2
Slightly or not effective	5.9	3.4	0	13.4	9.6	5.7	20.3	9.0	7.1
Estimated number of members	17	32	18	29	13	111	10	47	277

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality									
Extremely effective	23.5	0	6.9	12.4	9.6	11.9	0	7.8	9.7
Very effective	41.2	26.6	26.7	12.4	42.2	17.1	20.3	16.8	21.0
Moderately effective	17.6	40.0	28.2	37.1	48.2	46.9	24.3	41.7	40.4
Somewhat effective	11.8	33.4	38.2	24.9	0	15.6	35.2	24.6	21.5
Slightly or not effective	5.9	0	0	13.4	0	8.5	20.3	9.0	7.4
Estimated number of members	17	32	20	29	13	111	10	47	278

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality									
Extremely effective	12.5	0	6.9	7.1	0	10.2	0	4.3	6.8
Very effective	12.5	14.8	6.0	14.1	12.3	9.6	0	8.6	10.1
Moderately effective	25.0	18.6	28.2	12.8	28.2	27.2	44.5	34.2	26.6
Somewhat effective	37.5	40.7	47.5	36.6	11.9	17.6	35.2	17.1	26.1
Slightly or not effective	12.5	25.9	11.5	29.5	47.6	35.5	20.3	35.8	30.4
Estimated number of members	16	28	20	25	10	99	10	43	251

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl									
Extremely effective	82.4	50.0	51.7	39.7	32.6	52.6	20.3	19.5	45.2
Very effective	11.8	33.4	12.1	23.4	48.2	21.9	24.3	27.3	24.1
Moderately effective	5.9	9.9	30.6	18.5	0	14.1	55.5	20.7	16.7
Somewhat effective	0	3.4	5.6	18.4	19.2	5.4	0	0	5.8
Slightly or not effective	0	3.4	0	0	0	6.1	0	32.5	8.2
Estimated number of members	17	32	21	31	13	118	10	47	287

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	Environ- mental Interests	Total
8. Other (Please specify)					
Extremely effective	0	49.1	100.0	100.0	62.9
Very effective	100.0	24.5	0	0	22.9
Moderately effective	0	26.4	0	0	14.2
Estimated number of members	1	6	2	2	10

25. Do the following FPP provisions or factors help or hinder the achievement of the program's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Application process									
Greatly helps	0	3.6	0	0	0	4.1	0	0	2.0
Somewhat helps	58.8	25.0	18.5	8.2	15.9	13.1	0	4.2	15.7
Neither helps nor hinders	17.6	39.2	25.5	42.6	59.6	31.3	74.6	56.2	38.8
Somewhat hinders	5.9	32.2	36.6	42.1	24.5	33.4	25.4	26.7	30.8
Greatly hinders	17.6	0	19.4	7.1	0	18.1	0	12.8	12.7
Estimated number of members	17	30	21	25	10	96	8	44	251

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Permanent easements rather than limited year contracts									
Greatly helps	47.1	40.0	19.4	26.9	61.7	26.2	69.6	19.5	30.3
Somewhat helps	35.3	40.0	24.8	35.4	9.6	36.3	0	3.9	28.0
Neither helps nor hinders	5.9	3.4	31.9	14.3	0	12.4	30.4	33.6	16.2
Somewhat hinders	5.9	16.7	23.9	15.2	28.7	22.3	0	7.8	17.3
Greatly hinders	5.9	0	0	8.2	0	2.8	0	35.2	8.3
Estimated number of members	17	32	21	25	13	115	8	47	277

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Size of federal contribution (up to 50%)									
Greatly helps	29.4	13.3	32.3	19.8	19.8	23.2	0	23.4	22.1
Somewhat helps	23.5	36.7	18.5	45.0	32.3	24.2	44.1	23.4	27.9
Neither helps nor hinders	23.5	20.0	29.8	14.2	0	8.7	30.4	9.0	13.2
Somewhat hinders	17.6	26.6	19.4	13.3	38.3	37.8	0	36.4	30.3
Greatly hinders	5.9	3.4	0	7.7	9.6	6.1	25.4	7.8	6.4
Estimated number of members	17	32	21	27	13	118	8	47	282

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Requirement that a state, local, or tribal government program sponsor be in existence									
Greatly helps	41.2	23.3	12.9	18.5	24.9	20.7	0	20.3	21.0
Somewhat helps	29.4	36.7	32.3	17.4	22.0	32.8	69.6	11.0	28.3
Neither helps nor hinders	5.9	16.7	19.0	38.2	42.5	26.4	30.4	25.6	25.3
Somewhat hinders	23.5	20.0	29.3	25.9	10.6	16.5	0	43.1	23.0
Greatly hinders	0	3.3	6.5	0	0	3.6	0	0	2.3
Estimated number of members	17	32	21	29	11	111	8	45	273

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Requirement that land is prime, unique, or productive									
Greatly helps	17.6	23.3	19.4	6.6	28.7	24.9	0	8.1	18.8
Somewhat helps	47.1	40.0	36.6	46.1	22.7	24.3	44.1	24.3	31.0
Neither helps nor hinders	11.8	13.3	24.6	13.3	0	30.4	25.4	22.9	22.4
Somewhat hinders	23.5	23.3	19.4	34.0	38.6	16.9	30.4	40.6	25.2
Greatly hinders	0	0	0	0	9.9	3.5	0	4.1	2.5
Estimated number of members	17	32	21	27	13	115	8	45	277

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Having program promotion at the state or local level									
Greatly helps	58.8	33.4	47.2	43.1	48.2	39.7	44.1	29.6	40.0
Somewhat helps	29.4	39.9	25.6	43.5	51.8	29.9	55.9	15.7	31.6
Neither helps nor hinders	11.8	26.7	27.2	6.2	0	27.6	0	42.1	24.5
Somewhat hinders	0	0	0	7.2	0	0	0	0	0.8
Greatly hinders	0	0	0	0	0	2.8	0	12.7	3.1
Estimated number of members	17	32	20	29	13	115	8	44	276

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	State, Local, Tribal	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Other (Please specify)						
Greatly helps	100.0	0	0	66.7	100.0	64.7
Neither helps nor hinders	0	0	51.8	0	0	7.3
Somewhat hinders	0	0	48.2	33.3	0	22.7
Greatly hinders	0	100.0	0	0	0	5.3
Estimated number of members	1	1	3	9	6	20

Conservation Plans for USDA Conservation Program

26. Consider the conservation plans that producers are required to adopt for various USDA conservation programs. How effective, if at all, are these conservation plans in addressing the following areas? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Opportunities for conserving natural resources on entire agricultural operations									
Extremely effective	33.3	24.0	2.4	7.4	6.0	11.4	6.8	3.5	9.5
Very effective	43.1	43.8	22.1	23.8	27.8	32.3	31.0	29.0	30.4
Moderately effective	15.7	14.6	44.7	45.3	40.7	31.8	32.8	42.1	35.5
Somewhat effective	2.0	13.5	23.3	16.0	13.3	15.5	20.9	22.2	16.9
Slightly or not effective	5.9	4.1	7.6	7.5	12.2	9.0	8.4	3.3	7.6
Estimated number of members	51	79	98	240	111	705	123	283	1,689

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Opportunities for improving the profitability of entire agricultural operations									
Extremely effective	17.6	11.9	0	3.6	2.4	3.9	3.9	1.1	3.9
Very effective	41.2	25.4	18.0	11.2	29.4	22.0	18.8	12.1	19.4
Moderately effective	27.5	36.2	28.8	40.0	37.4	35.9	29.9	33.1	35.0
Somewhat effective	9.8	15.9	31.0	24.3	25.1	27.0	35.9	34.4	27.5
Slightly or not effective	3.9	10.6	22.2	20.8	5.8	11.3	11.4	19.4	14.2
Estimated number of members	51	79	93	230	96	643	102	283	1,578

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Long-term strategies for addressing the needs of entire agricultural operations									
Extremely effective	35.3	23.9	1.2	6.5	5.4	7.6	5.5	1.1	7.3
Very effective	45.1	37.5	15.0	21.2	30.5	29.7	25.9	27.1	27.8
Moderately effective	9.8	21.3	40.6	34.2	35.7	29.9	36.6	35.1	31.8
Somewhat effective	3.9	7.9	24.2	22.9	21.0	21.3	15.5	20.6	20.0
Slightly or not effective	5.9	9.4	19.0	15.3	7.4	11.5	16.5	16.2	13.1
Estimated number of members	51	79	95	236	93	661	109	282	1,606

27. If you responded 'extremely effective' or 'slightly or not effective,' please explain the reason(s) for your response(s) below.

-- If extremely effective:

-- If slightly or not effective:

Land Maintenance and Conservation Practices

28. Consider lands in your state for which CRP contracts have expired and have not been renewed. To what extent, if any, are these lands being used in the following ways? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Forestry									
Very great extent	7.9	13.0	7.6	3.8	7.4	7.0	3.4	5.5	6.5
Great extent	13.2	14.7	12.9	13.8	17.6	12.5	4.3	19.6	13.8
Moderate extent	13.2	9.3	22.1	18.9	5.5	12.4	7.2	11.4	13.0
Some extent	21.1	20.5	26.7	22.8	18.9	26.2	24.8	25.6	24.4
Little or no extent	44.7	42.6	30.6	40.8	50.6	41.9	60.3	37.9	42.3
Estimated number of members	38	57	77	145	69	340	69	148	943

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Grazing/haying									
Very great extent	7.3	0	5.2	4.5	4.4	2.2	4.1	0	2.8
Great extent	22.0	18.0	18.9	21.0	22.6	17.9	20.1	12.8	18.3
Moderate extent	41.5	32.1	31.8	39.9	28.1	40.0	23.2	44.0	37.7
Some extent	22.0	42.7	32.5	28.1	37.6	35.4	40.1	30.0	33.4
Little or no extent	7.3	7.3	11.6	6.4	7.3	4.4	12.4	13.2	7.8
Estimated number of members	41	59	83	168	67	361	68	162	1,008

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Crop production									
Very great extent	9.8	10.9	2.6	8.3	11.8	11.0	18.5	3.4	9.1
Great extent	22.0	17.9	18.5	31.0	35.7	31.3	27.1	32.5	29.3
Moderate extent	29.3	26.8	34.3	32.5	24.1	25.6	34.3	30.0	28.9
Some extent	26.8	33.7	32.8	22.2	19.2	26.5	14.0	18.5	23.9
Little or no extent	12.2	10.6	11.8	6.0	9.2	5.7	6.2	15.7	8.8
Estimated number of members	41	59	83	163	67	363	74	183	1,032

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Commercial development (non- agricultural)									
Very great extent	2.7	0	1.4	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.6	6.7	3.0
Great extent	5.4	5.8	11.9	5.3	6.9	9.0	14.7	2.8	7.6
Moderate extent	8.1	11.7	11.0	23.3	20.1	15.3	20.7	16.8	16.5
Some extent	24.3	32.9	32.5	25.4	23.8	32.8	19.2	35.1	30.2
Little or no extent	59.5	49.5	43.2	43.8	46.9	40.2	42.7	38.5	42.7
Estimated number of members	37	54	81	142	54	331	62	138	899

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Other (Please specify)									
Very great extent	0	0	56.4	0	23.8	0	0	0	6.8
Great extent	0	50.0	43.6	0	0	20.3	43.1	100.0	26.0
Moderate extent	75.0	0	0	0	38.1	24.2	36.2	0	29.0
Some extent	25.0	0	0	100.0	38.1	55.6	0	0	30.7
Little or no extent	0	50.0	0	0	0	0	20.7	0	7.4
Estimated number of members	4	2	3	1	4	13	8	1	36

29. In your opinion, do producers/landowners in your state either discontinue or avoid desirable conservation practices in order to qualify for USDA conservation programs? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. CRP General Signup									
Definitely yes	4.3	3.1	1.2	2.9	8.4	6.3	11.6	2.0	5.0
Probably yes	12.8	18.6	13.4	16.3	33.1	21.2	34.7	9.5	19.3
Probably no	59.6	55.3	56.0	62.8	54.9	56.6	40.1	65.0	57.5
Definitely no	23.4	22.9	29.3	18.1	3.7	15.9	13.6	23.5	18.2
Estimated number of members	47	68	92	176	77	478	85	189	1,212

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. CRP Continuous Signup									
Definitely yes	0	1.6	1.2	0.9	10.1	5.2	7.5	1.4	3.8
Probably yes	8.5	8.0	10.3	15.9	20.4	15.1	29.7	10.6	14.8
Probably no	66.0	68.6	57.5	62.5	60.4	62.9	48.2	61.2	61.5
Definitely no	25.5	21.8	30.9	20.7	9.2	16.7	14.6	26.9	19.9
Estimated number of members	47	67	92	169	79	467	79	182	1,182

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. CREP									
Definitely yes	0	2.2	0	0	0	1.8	0	0	0.8
Probably yes	11.5	13.2	10.1	13.5	25.6	12.4	26.3	8.5	13.5
Probably no	57.7	67.3	63.0	68.8	61.5	69.7	50.3	60.1	65.3
Definitely no	30.8	17.3	26.9	17.7	12.9	16.0	23.3	31.4	20.4
Estimated number of members	26	48	62	128	54	337	52	139	846

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. WRP									
Definitely yes	0	1.6	0	0.9	1.9	0.9	2.1	0	0.9
Probably yes	0	0	5.2	13.4	16.7	12.0	14.6	9.6	10.7
Probably no	62.0	60.9	61.9	67.9	56.0	69.5	62.5	61.5	65.3
Definitely no	38.0	37.5	32.9	17.8	25.4	17.5	20.9	28.9	23.1
Estimated number of members	50	67	71	154	84	453	76	167	1,124

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. EQIP									
Definitely yes	0	3.1	4.3	2.9	2.1	1.5	2.1	0.9	1.9
Probably yes	11.5	6.1	16.1	15.9	23.5	13.1	30.5	7.3	14.0
Probably no	59.6	65.1	54.6	68.7	68.3	65.9	48.6	62.9	63.8
Definitely no	28.8	25.7	25.0	12.5	6.2	19.5	18.8	28.9	20.3
Estimated number of members	52	69	90	170	78	527	76	204	1,268

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. WHIP									
Definitely yes	0	0	0	0	2.0	0.8	2.7	0	0.7
Probably yes	0	1.6	5.4	14.8	8.7	6.5	17.4	6.5	7.8
Probably no	60.8	60.3	66.6	69.8	60.2	71.2	53.8	65.7	67.0
Definitely no	39.2	38.1	28.0	15.4	29.0	21.5	26.1	27.8	24.6
Estimated number of members	51	66	69	151	78	488	73	170	1,145

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. FPP									
Definitely yes	0	0	2.7	0	0	1.5	0	0	0.8
Probably yes	0	0	2.9	12.4	14.0	4.5	6.6	3.6	5.5
Probably no	37.9	61.8	62.1	75.5	73.5	72.5	73.7	60.6	68.0
Definitely no	62.1	38.2	32.4	12.0	12.5	21.5	19.7	35.8	25.8
Estimated number of members	29	44	50	102	32	266	24	118	666

30. If you responded 'definitely yes' or 'probably yes,' how could the program(s) be modified to discourage this? In your response, please provide the name of the program(s) for which you are responding.

Conservation Compliance/Sodbuster/Swampbuster Provisions

31. Currently in your state, how effective, if at all, are the conservation compliance/sodbuster/swampbuster provisions of The Food Security Act (Farm Bill) of 1985 in protecting highly erodible lands and wetlands? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Conservation compliance									
Extremely effective	9.6	2.7	7.0	6.5	1.5	5.7	7.6	4.6	5.6
Very effective	46.2	51.4	28.0	29.2	23.3	36.8	19.0	33.0	33.7
Moderately effective	32.7	26.3	42.4	44.2	24.1	27.2	37.2	32.8	32.2
Somewhat effective	5.8	11.2	16.5	10.6	33.9	19.6	27.8	25.0	19.5
Slightly or not effective	5.8	8.3	6.0	9.5	17.2	10.8	8.3	4.6	9.1
Estimated number of members	52	75	93	176	82	505	87	215	1,284

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Sodbuster									
Extremely effective	11.5	8.4	5.9	5.7	3.6	4.3	10.5	8.2	6.2
Very effective	34.6	49.3	31.0	31.3	23.3	33.9	16.4	24.7	31.0
Moderately effective	36.5	23.9	34.5	36.4	32.1	26.2	31.6	31.1	30.0
Somewhat effective	9.6	14.1	18.3	18.6	20.0	22.7	22.7	28.1	21.5
Slightly or not effective	7.7	4.3	10.3	8.0	21.0	12.8	18.8	7.9	11.3
Estimated number of members	52	74	91	162	69	479	78	207	1,212

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Swampbuster									
Extremely effective	21.2	12.5	6.1	7.9	6.2	6.4	15.6	10.8	8.9
Very effective	40.4	47.2	33.3	28.7	21.9	32.8	27.5	24.8	31.0
Moderately effective	17.3	26.3	32.0	37.9	29.4	26.6	26.3	27.4	28.4
Somewhat effective	13.5	12.6	18.1	19.1	23.8	24.5	17.5	27.7	22.1
Slightly or not effective	7.7	1.4	10.5	6.3	18.8	9.7	13.2	9.3	9.7
Estimated number of members	52	75	90	162	101	498	90	201	1,270

32. If you responded 'extremely effective' or 'slightly or not effective' for any provision in Question 31, please indicate for which provision(s) you are responding and explain the reason(s) for your response(s) below.

-- If extremely effective:

-- If slightly or not effective:

Program Assistance

33. In your opinion, does your state have enough NRCS technical assistance available for the following programs? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. CRP General Signup									
Much more than enough	0	0	2.6	3.3	0	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.6
More than enough	0	1.4	12.4	5.3	6.0	2.2	1.4	9.2	4.4
Enough	22.9	28.7	60.9	52.7	27.5	29.2	26.1	40.3	35.7
Less than enough	31.3	43.8	17.3	32.0	53.3	41.8	46.3	36.2	38.9
Much less than enough	45.8	26.1	7.0	6.7	13.1	25.4	25.3	12.6	19.4
Estimated number of members	48	76	94	215	103	600	118	223	1,476

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. CRP Continuous Signup									
Much more than enough	0	0	2.6	4.0	0	1.4	3.0	1.2	1.7
More than enough	0	1.4	10.6	3.9	5.1	2.7	1.4	8.5	4.1
Enough	22.9	31.0	54.4	55.5	25.6	27.6	22.0	40.1	34.6
Less than enough	33.3	43.1	24.1	30.8	53.8	37.9	45.4	36.2	37.5
Much less than enough	43.8	24.5	8.4	5.8	15.5	30.4	28.2	14.0	22.0
Estimated number of members	48	78	93	210	99	600	117	218	1,462

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. CREP (if applicable)									
Much more than enough	0	0	0	0	0	1.3	0	0	0.5
More than enough	0	0	7.0	5.7	0	2.8	0	11.3	4.0
Enough	14.3	14.7	48.4	47.6	19.2	18.6	20.0	27.6	25.3
Less than enough	7.1	35.3	41.0	25.8	60.9	29.9	43.1	41.8	34.9
Much less than enough	78.6	50.0	3.6	20.9	19.9	47.3	36.9	19.3	35.3
Estimated number of members	14	36	32	77	38	238	59	87	581

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. WRP									
Much more than enough	0	0	4.6	3.8	0	0.9	0	3.1	1.5
More than enough	0	1.3	20.9	6.1	4.4	2.6	1.3	13.1	5.4
Enough	18.0	10.4	51.5	49.9	20.0	21.0	21.0	37.7	27.9
Less than enough	28.0	54.0	17.7	31.3	49.9	42.0	37.8	36.0	38.9
Much less than enough	54.0	34.2	5.4	8.8	25.7	33.4	39.9	10.1	26.2
Estimated number of members	50	80	77	184	113	609	126	203	1,442

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. EQIP									
Much more than enough	0	0	5.4	4.9	0	1.2	0	0.7	1.5
More than enough	0	0	15.8	1.6	5.3	1.4	1.3	6.8	3.3
Enough	0	4.1	50.6	41.4	24.9	15.7	24.4	27.3	23.0
Less than enough	23.1	31.2	19.9	37.6	51.9	37.7	43.7	36.8	37.2
Much less than enough	76.9	64.7	8.3	14.5	17.8	44.0	30.5	28.3	35.0
Estimated number of members	52	78	92	204	118	699	119	242	1,604

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. WHIP									
Much more than enough	0	0	4.9	3.7	0	0.8	0	1.4	1.3
More than enough	0	1.3	16.2	6.7	1.2	1.5	1.3	8.9	3.9
Enough	13.7	29.0	57.9	50.5	32.4	25.0	26.7	42.2	32.9
Less than enough	45.1	46.0	19.0	29.3	42.1	40.3	38.7	34.3	37.5
Much less than enough	41.2	23.7	2.0	9.8	24.2	32.3	33.2	13.1	24.5
Estimated number of members	51	80	72	189	109	643	123	218	1,485

34. In your opinion, overall, what is the quality of the technical assistance that NRCS provides in your state? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
Excellent	37.3	23.7	7.0	15.8	20.3	26.4	13.7	23.3	22.2
Good	51.0	68.4	48.7	60.6	50.4	47.5	49.1	50.5	51.2
Fair	11.8	7.9	40.4	14.7	17.9	19.3	28.8	16.8	19.3
Poor	0	0	2.8	1.7	6.1	0.7	0.8	2.8	1.7
Very poor	0	0	1.2	0.8	0	0.5	1.1	2.5	0.9
Don't know	0	0	0	6.3	5.3	5.6	6.5	4.1	4.8
Estimated number of members	51	80	93	257	154	783	149	299	1,865

35. How effective, if at all, are the USDA conservation programs in assisting farming operations of the following sizes in your state in addressing environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Small Operations (gross farming revenues of less than \$100,000)									
Extremely effective	15.4	6.9	1.2	3.1	2.1	5.5	1.3	5.7	4.9
Very effective	30.8	26.3	22.6	21.3	33.0	28.2	21.9	32.9	27.5
Moderately effective	38.5	43.1	37.8	31.9	33.1	29.1	42.6	34.1	33.2
Somewhat effective	13.5	19.5	28.6	28.9	20.0	26.1	28.9	19.4	24.6
Slightly or not effective	1.9	4.2	9.8	14.7	11.8	11.0	5.4	8.0	9.9
Estimated number of members	52	76	96	210	76	577	93	246	1,426

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Medium Operations (gross farming revenues of \$100,000 - \$500,000)									
Extremely effective	7.8	6.9	0	4.6	4.2	2.2	0	5.9	3.5
Very effective	52.9	41.6	31.3	31.2	28.9	29.3	25.2	32.5	31.6
Moderately effective	39.2	48.6	52.5	42.9	38.2	47.3	56.0	34.6	44.5
Somewhat effective	0	2.8	13.2	19.4	26.5	20.2	15.6	22.2	18.4
Slightly or not effective	0	0	3.1	1.9	2.1	0.9	3.2	4.8	2.0
Estimated number of members	51	76	95	208	75	553	80	250	1,388

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Large Operations (gross farming revenues greater than \$500,000)									
Extremely effective	0	4.3	2.7	4.8	8.9	4.3	8.7	4.3	4.6
Very effective	33.3	15.7	22.9	18.6	24.5	22.2	17.0	26.2	22.2
Moderately effective	42.2	39.4	47.0	43.7	31.0	38.0	35.7	37.2	39.1
Somewhat effective	17.8	33.3	20.7	24.9	23.6	22.1	26.9	18.7	22.7
Slightly or not effective	6.7	7.3	6.7	8.0	12.0	13.4	11.6	13.4	11.4
Estimated number of members	45	72	94	194	66	532	80	232	1,315

36. Are all sizes of operations receiving adequate assistance in addressing your state's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
Yes	18.4	17.3	53.5	32.4	20.1	22.7	24.0	27.0	25.9
No	81.6	66.9	39.3	37.4	18.9	46.4	36.1	44.4	43.2
Don't know	0	15.8	7.2	30.1	61.0	30.8	39.9	28.6	30.9
Estimated number of members	49	79	97	253	151	782	147	289	1,848

36a. Please briefly describe below which operations are not receiving adequate assistance and the reason(s) for this.

37. In your experience, overall, how effective, if at all, are the USDA conservation programs in assisting the following types of operations in your state in addressing environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Field crops									
Extremely effective	10.0	6.9	2.5	6.9	3.6	6.0	3.6	6.3	5.8
Very effective	64.0	56.0	38.0	38.1	33.8	38.8	37.3	34.7	39.2
Moderately effective	22.0	33.0	41.3	33.6	41.4	36.9	37.1	36.5	36.3
Somewhat effective	4.0	4.1	14.1	19.7	16.4	13.3	18.5	21.5	15.4
Slightly or not effective	0	0	4.1	1.7	4.8	4.9	3.5	1.0	3.3
Estimated number of members	50	77	100	224	109	650	109	255	1,573

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Specialty crops									
Extremely effective	2.0	1.4	0	0.9	0	2.1	4.7	2.2	1.8
Very effective	16.0	11.1	14.1	14.9	16.6	13.6	12.7	13.0	13.8
Moderately effective	36.0	40.2	25.5	23.2	29.7	28.9	20.9	35.4	29.2
Somewhat effective	36.0	37.5	38.7	44.7	26.5	34.4	39.4	32.5	36.0
Slightly or not effective	10.0	9.8	21.7	16.4	27.2	21.0	22.4	17.0	19.2
Estimated number of members	50	75	96	203	87	570	85	194	1,361

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Small confined animal feeding operations									
Extremely effective	11.8	5.5	1.2	4.4	1.2	3.2	0	1.1	3.0
Very effective	47.1	42.5	27.3	27.1	28.9	26.9	13.4	22.3	27.0
Moderately effective	33.3	45.2	42.5	26.9	30.8	39.8	50.9	40.9	38.4
Somewhat effective	7.8	6.8	24.6	31.5	22.0	21.9	24.3	24.8	22.8
Slightly or not effective	0	0	4.5	10.1	17.1	8.2	11.4	10.9	8.8
Estimated number of members	51	77	98	210	103	610	95	229	1,474

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Large confined animal feeding operations									
Extremely effective	2.3	3.0	2.7	3.8	0	2.8	0	0	2.1
Very effective	18.2	8.9	13.8	23.1	16.9	15.8	18.1	23.8	17.9
Moderately effective	38.6	30.0	45.7	40.1	28.5	31.6	31.9	30.4	33.5
Somewhat effective	22.7	35.9	22.9	21.7	31.8	26.5	31.9	20.9	25.8
Slightly or not effective	18.2	22.2	15.0	11.2	22.7	23.2	18.0	24.9	20.6
Estimated number of members	44	70	87	192	89	556	91	210	1,339

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Combined crop/animal operations									
Extremely effective	8.0	4.2	3.5	5.0	0	3.1	0	1.8	3.0
Very effective	56.0	32.9	26.2	30.3	25.6	26.7	21.6	21.9	27.3
Moderately effective	34.0	54.7	51.8	38.9	47.9	48.3	52.6	46.3	47.0
Somewhat effective	2.0	6.9	15.5	23.9	18.0	17.1	22.9	26.3	18.8
Slightly or not effective	0	1.4	3.0	1.9	8.4	4.9	3.0	3.6	3.9
Estimated number of members	50	77	95	210	98	618	95	229	1,472

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Grazing									
Extremely effective	16.3	9.9	4.8	5.2	6.6	3.1	2.3	2.8	4.4
Very effective	40.8	36.6	33.7	31.1	17.1	28.2	21.5	35.3	29.6
Moderately effective	36.7	45.2	29.1	36.3	41.8	46.4	31.8	26.2	39.2
Somewhat effective	4.1	5.5	22.9	23.3	25.5	17.0	35.0	27.2	20.6
Slightly or not effective	2.0	2.9	9.5	4.1	9.0	5.2	9.4	8.5	6.1
Estimated number of members	49	74	97	218	108	655	102	225	1,529

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Forestry									
Extremely effective	4.2	5.7	5.4	4.9	4.4	0	4.0	4.0	2.6
Very effective	12.5	10.2	23.4	17.5	15.7	13.2	12.0	26.7	16.1
Moderately effective	35.4	30.6	22.9	31.4	24.8	27.0	20.8	29.0	27.5
Somewhat effective	27.1	30.4	20.2	27.3	31.4	36.6	37.6	22.1	31.3
Slightly or not effective	20.8	23.1	28.0	18.9	23.8	23.2	25.6	18.2	22.4
Estimated number of members	48	72	89	181	97	555	89	159	1,291

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Other (Please specify)									
Extremely effective	50.0	0	21.6	0	0	0	32.4	0	6.7
Very effective	0	16.8	0	0	0	22.3	0	79.8	19.4
Moderately effective	25.0	16.5	46.9	0	26.4	18.5	20.2	0	17.6
Somewhat effective	0	0	31.4	31.7	0	41.3	0	20.2	25.5
Slightly or not effective	25.0	66.6	0	68.3	73.6	17.9	47.4	0	30.8
Estimated number of members	4	6	5	7	5	30	5	7	69

38. Are all types of operations receiving adequate assistance in addressing your state's environmental or natural resource objectives? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
Yes	13.0	12.0	46.4	36.8	20.5	20.0	19.4	26.2	24.1
No	87.0	76.1	39.5	35.1	26.5	49.2	40.7	52.0	46.8
Don't know	0	11.9	14.1	28.2	53.0	30.8	39.8	21.8	29.1
Estimated number of members	46	79	93	253	149	768	144	287	1,819

38a. Please briefly describe below which operations are not receiving adequate assistance and the reason(s) for this.

Effect on Economy of Rural Communities

39. What is the overall impact, if any, of the following USDA conservation programs on the local economies in your state's rural communities? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. CRP General Signup									
Very positive	15.2	8.0	22.7	12.4	15.9	11.0	22.8	4.9	12.3
Somewhat positive	41.3	48.4	39.2	49.8	65.7	44.9	48.8	41.8	46.3
No impact	19.6	30.7	23.8	15.5	14.8	25.3	22.5	17.4	21.7
Somewhat negative	23.9	11.2	10.7	20.5	3.6	15.3	5.9	26.8	16.3
Very negative	0	1.6	3.6	1.7	0	3.6	0	9.0	3.5
Estimated number of members	46	65	94	191	72	487	105	208	1,267

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. CRP Continuous Signup									
Very positive	10.9	3.2	13.1	10.9	9.2	9.2	16.0	1.6	8.8
Somewhat positive	50.0	48.5	41.5	48.9	53.5	47.6	48.8	47.2	47.9
No impact	39.1	45.3	40.2	27.2	35.6	35.7	30.3	30.1	34.1
Somewhat negative	0	3.1	2.7	11.2	1.7	6.2	4.8	18.5	7.8
Very negative	0	0	2.5	1.7	0	1.4	0	2.6	1.4
Estimated number of members	46	67	95	185	73	480	104	198	1,248

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. CREP									
Very positive	28.6	11.2	15.5	4.9	34.2	18.6	29.6	8.9	16.8
Somewhat positive	42.9	62.9	56.8	54.1	60.8	39.4	34.6	46.2	45.9
No impact	28.6	25.9	23.5	27.9	4.9	35.2	35.8	40.1	31.8
Somewhat negative	0	0	4.2	7.3	0	6.8	0	3.2	4.4
Very negative	0	0	0	5.8	0	0	0	1.7	1.1
Estimated number of members	14	29	32	67	27	183	49	77	478

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. WRP									
Very positive	20.4	12.0	6.4	6.3	16.2	10.2	10.3	1.0	9.0
Somewhat positive	44.9	46.2	34.4	47.1	53.4	50.1	51.9	33.9	46.2
No impact	28.6	37.3	48.6	36.0	28.8	35.0	33.5	46.8	37.1
Somewhat negative	6.1	4.5	8.9	8.3	1.6	3.7	4.3	9.4	5.6
Very negative	0	0	1.8	2.3	0	1.1	0	8.8	2.2
Estimated number of members	49	70	77	169	78	477	102	176	1,200

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. EQIP									
Very positive	17.3	17.1	8.1	14.2	4.5	18.1	16.5	11.2	14.8
Somewhat positive	75.0	72.9	52.4	66.2	78.2	61.6	48.7	62.7	62.9
No impact	7.7	8.6	30.7	15.2	15.7	18.0	34.9	23.6	19.6
Somewhat negative	0	1.4	7.4	2.6	1.5	2.3	0	1.9	2.3
Very negative	0	0	1.4	1.7	0	0	0	0.6	0.4
Estimated number of members	52	73	94	191	80	583	103	225	1,401

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. WHIP									
Very positive	13.5	1.4	1.9	3.5	6.4	9.6	10.2	8.3	7.7
Somewhat positive	65.4	47.7	29.7	59.3	54.9	52.9	39.8	37.9	49.4
No impact	21.2	49.4	64.8	34.5	37.1	35.3	50.0	49.4	40.5
Somewhat negative	0	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	2.9	1.6
Very negative	0	0	1.8	1.1	0	0.5	0	1.6	0.7
Estimated number of members	52	72	74	166	76	540	100	193	1,273

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. FPP									
Very positive	33.3	20.5	27.2	5.5	35.7	13.5	17.4	13.2	16.3
Somewhat positive	55.6	32.4	30.0	37.6	64.3	40.6	0	24.1	36.5
No impact	11.1	44.1	42.8	40.3	0	39.3	82.6	57.1	41.5
Somewhat negative	0	3.0	0	11.0	0	4.7	0	5.6	4.4
Very negative	0	0	0	5.5	0	1.9	0	0	1.4
Estimated number of members	18	36	25	32	12	168	11	56	359

40. For those programs that have a 'very positive' or 'very negative' impact on the local economies in your state's rural communities, please provide the name of the program and explain the reason(s) for your response(s) below.

-- If very positive

-- If very negative

Conservation Program Emphasis

41. Given current federal funding, how do you believe conservation funds should be distributed nationally among these programs? (Your total should equal 100%.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Admin	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Org	Agricul- tural Org	Total
% to CREP (including CREP)									
Mean	38.0	45.3	67.8	62.2	60.6	56.3	67.0	55.5	57.8
% to WRP									
Mean	9.7	11.0	6.5	8.1	16.0	9.6	12.0	7.0	9.6
% to EQIP									
Mean	40.4	35.1	39.0	27.4	34.3	26.6	39.3	27.0	20.8
% to WHIP									
Mean	29.4	23.7	36.3	25.8	31.2	30.7	39.8	24.4	5.0
% to FPP									
Mean	44.2	57.7	45.8	45.1	45.4	40.5	34.1	37.6	4.9
% to Other									
Mean	40.4	47.4	42.9	40.8	46.2	38.9	38.4	35.3	1.8
Weighted number of cases	50	72	88	176	112	562	119	207	1,386

42. In your opinion, overall, how cost-effective, are the following USDA conservation programs, that is, how well are these programs achieving results given the money spent for these programs? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. CRP General signup									
Extremely cost- effective	0	2.9	20.2	7.2	6.3	6.1	12.2	4.1	7.0
Very cost- effective	40.4	27.7	51.4	36.7	52.3	31.5	38.1	36.8	36.6
Moderately cost- effective	38.3	44.3	15.6	34.2	25.9	36.7	20.5	25.1	31.4
Somewhat cost- effective	12.8	19.1	9.8	17.3	10.5	17.4	19.2	22.8	17.3
Slightly or not cost-effective	8.5	6.0	3.1	4.6	4.9	8.3	9.9	11.2	7.6
Estimated number of members	47	71	91	211	97	530	114	216	1,377

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. CRP Continuous signup									
Extremely cost- effective	4.3	1.4	18.2	6.3	12.6	11.6	19.1	6.2	10.3
Very cost- effective	59.6	35.7	51.2	40.7	54.3	36.1	40.0	36.9	40.3
Moderately cost- effective	19.1	38.9	17.4	33.4	22.7	31.9	18.5	31.1	29.2
Somewhat cost- effective	14.9	19.5	10.1	16.8	7.8	16.4	15.3	19.2	15.9
Slightly or not cost-effective	2.1	4.5	3.1	2.8	2.6	4.0	7.1	6.6	4.3
Estimated number of members	47	70	91	196	93	526	108	208	1,340

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. CREP									
Extremely cost- effective	15.4	14.4	16.0	7.0	31.7	16.2	20.9	5.3	14.6
Very cost- effective	38.5	28.5	54.8	20.4	30.8	36.4	28.4	35.2	33.4
Moderately cost- effective	30.8	28.6	20.8	43.8	19.2	26.4	22.4	21.6	26.9
Somewhat cost- effective	15.4	21.4	8.4	11.0	6.7	14.0	13.3	31.1	16.1
Slightly or not cost-effective	0	7.2	0	17.7	11.6	7.0	15.1	6.7	9.1
Estimated number of members	13	30	30	71	38	194	58	91	524

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. WRP									
Extremely cost- effective	14.0	11.7	4.1	4.3	27.6	11.9	22.1	1.2	11.0
Very cost- effective	58.0	39.3	13.1	25.5	48.5	26.5	35.5	17.9	28.8
Moderately cost- effective	12.0	31.7	57.6	32.7	12.1	35.5	25.5	35.1	32.4
Somewhat cost- effective	16.0	17.3	16.5	27.4	8.2	20.6	11.0	31.8	20.8
Slightly or not cost-effective	0	0	8.6	10.0	3.5	5.5	6.0	14.0	6.9
Estimated number of members	50	72	67	179	104	525	116	200	1,313

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. EQIP									
Extremely cost- effective	19.2	14.0	3.0	7.5	2.9	6.8	2.6	9.6	7.3
Very cost- effective	65.4	57.7	17.3	39.8	38.2	36.0	26.9	42.8	38.1
Moderately cost- effective	11.5	22.6	34.1	27.0	30.4	37.5	42.0	32.0	33.2
Somewhat cost- effective	1.9	2.8	32.3	18.3	18.3	13.8	25.0	11.5	15.3
Slightly or not cost-effective	1.9	2.8	13.3	7.4	10.2	5.8	3.6	4.2	6.1
Estimated number of members	52	74	93	212	99	653	110	252	1,546

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. WHIP									
Extremely cost- effective	7.7	8.8	2.3	3.7	9.7	9.8	13.7	2.0	7.7
Very cost- effective	71.2	42.0	18.5	23.1	58.3	36.4	29.4	20.9	34.1
Moderately cost- effective	15.4	36.2	38.1	31.4	20.7	32.9	31.9	36.3	32.0
Somewhat cost- effective	3.8	11.6	32.7	32.1	9.6	15.3	15.6	30.7	19.6
Slightly or not cost-effective	1.9	1.4	8.4	9.6	1.7	5.6	9.3	10.0	6.6
Estimated number of members	52	72	60	173	96	564	115	210	1,342

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. FPP									
Extremely cost- effective	22.2	12.1	20.9	0	20.9	6.9	9.4	6.7	8.7
Very cost- effective	61.1	36.3	20.9	35.0	68.9	41.7	18.7	23.1	36.5
Moderately cost- effective	11.1	30.4	31.8	8.6	10.3	29.2	36.9	25.9	25.4
Somewhat cost- effective	5.6	15.1	19.3	34.9	0	14.8	0	31.9	18.7
Slightly or not cost-effective	0	6.1	7.0	21.4	0	7.4	35.0	12.4	10.8
Estimated number of members	18	35	19	42	12	150	21	64	360

43. If you responded 'extremely cost-effective' or 'slightly or not cost-effective' for any program, please provide the name of the program and explain the reason(s) for your response(s) below.

-- if extremely cost-effective

-- if slightly or not cost-effective

44. Consider the degree that current USDA conservation programs emphasize environmental or natural resource objectives. Should more or less national emphasis be placed on each of the following environmental or natural resource objectives in the future? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Protecting or improving wildlife habitat									
Much more emphasis	5.8	0	5.9	8.6	36.4	20.5	48.2	4.4	17.8
More emphasis	51.9	60.0	29.5	34.7	50.0	28.6	33.4	21.8	32.5
No change	36.5	31.8	44.6	40.8	12.5	37.8	17.0	44.4	35.6
Less emphasis	3.8	6.9	16.2	14.4	1.1	11.7	1.3	22.5	11.9
Much less emphasis	1.9	1.4	3.9	1.5	0	1.5	0	6.8	2.2
Estimated number of members	52	75	99	242	146	758	148	286	1,808

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Protecting native species									
Much more emphasis	7.7	7.1	3.8	9.5	39.2	16.8	40.2	3.5	16.1
More emphasis	51.9	46.5	27.4	25.9	44.4	28.7	35.9	16.5	29.6
No change	38.5	33.7	49.2	49.3	15.7	43.3	22.7	45.9	40.3
Less emphasis	0	12.6	15.7	11.6	0.7	8.5	1.1	24.4	10.5
Much less emphasis	1.9	0	4.0	3.7	0	2.7	0	9.7	3.5
Estimated number of members	52	74	97	239	148	737	148	284	1,779

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Reducing soil erosion									
Much more emphasis	19.2	8.2	12.0	9.1	12.0	14.1	21.8	10.9	13.1
More emphasis	55.8	45.8	35.7	45.3	40.0	48.8	41.6	44.3	45.7
No change	23.1	46.0	48.7	42.9	48.0	34.0	35.8	44.3	39.1
Less emphasis	1.9	0	2.2	2.2	0	3.2	0.8	0.4	1.9
Much less emphasis	0	0	1.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.1
Estimated number of members	52	75	98	247	147	750	147	286	1,801

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Protecting or improving ground water quality									
Much more emphasis	26.9	21.8	12.9	18.9	18.0	24.0	26.8	14.9	21.0
More emphasis	55.8	50.9	55.9	45.6	51.6	52.8	50.9	50.3	51.3
No change	17.3	27.2	27.8	34.4	29.3	22.4	19.3	34.4	26.6
Less emphasis	0	0	2.0	0.7	1.1	0.9	3.0	0.4	1.0
Much less emphasis	0	0	1.4	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.1
Estimated number of members	52	77	98	252	145	755	144	288	1,809

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Protecting or improving surface water quality									
Much more emphasis	42.3	28.8	14.3	20.2	33.3	29.1	35.8	15.1	26.1
More emphasis	51.9	53.4	55.3	50.0	54.5	54.3	46.3	59.5	53.8
No change	5.8	17.8	28.3	29.8	12.3	15.5	16.4	24.4	19.2
Less emphasis	0	0	2.1	0	0	1.2	1.6	0.9	0.9
Estimated number of members	52	77	97	251	149	767	149	288	1,829

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Protecting or improving air quality									
Much more emphasis	6.0	7.0	7.4	8.0	7.1	10.6	12.7	3.9	8.6
More emphasis	60.0	43.7	21.8	28.1	29.7	31.0	34.7	24.0	30.5
No change	32.0	46.4	54.8	54.9	56.6	48.9	41.8	57.2	50.8
Less emphasis	2.0	2.9	14.8	6.2	6.6	8.6	8.7	13.6	8.8
Much less emphasis	0	0	1.2	2.7	0	0.9	2.1	1.3	1.2
Estimated number of members	50	74	97	242	136	736	134	281	1,750

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Preventing urban sprawl									
Much more emphasis	34.6	29.6	22.1	29.7	27.3	30.7	32.4	28.5	29.7
More emphasis	51.9	50.9	30.6	36.1	28.5	41.3	46.7	33.8	38.9
No change	11.5	14.0	36.4	24.2	39.4	21.7	18.3	21.6	23.4
Less emphasis	1.9	4.2	6.9	5.8	3.8	4.1	0	11.3	5.2
Much less emphasis	0	1.3	3.9	4.1	0.9	2.2	2.5	4.9	2.8
Estimated number of members	52	74	96	242	143	734	141	274	1,757

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Other (Please specify)									
Much more emphasis	90.9	66.4	26.2	59.2	100.0	86.6	77.1	58.9	77.9
More emphasis	9.1	33.6	54.4	40.8	0	8.9	22.9	41.1	19.1
No change	0	0	0	0	0	4.5	0	0	2.2
Less emphasis	0	0	19.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.8
Estimated number of members	11	9	5	12	7	57	7	9	118

45. USDA conservation programs emphasize environmental and natural resource priorities at different levels. At what levels of environmental and natural resource priorities should USDA programs place more or less emphasis? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. National									
Much more emphasis	7.8	6.6	7.5	5.7	16.3	7.2	6.6	5.4	7.4
More emphasis	17.6	12.1	15.0	18.3	41.9	16.1	20.4	6.5	17.0
No change	45.1	51.5	51.1	37.6	27.7	27.5	44.7	38.6	34.9
Less emphasis	19.6	25.6	17.6	31.2	13.3	38.7	21.5	35.6	31.6
Much less emphasis	9.8	4.1	8.9	7.3	0.9	10.4	6.7	13.8	9.1
Estimated number of members	51	78	95	235	135	721	136	286	1,736

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Multi-state regional									
Much more emphasis	13.7	6.7	4.2	7.7	11.6	7.5	15.0	6.2	8.2
More emphasis	35.3	33.0	25.0	33.5	54.3	24.3	37.9	16.8	28.5
No change	35.3	41.1	48.7	35.9	27.2	37.7	40.6	41.7	38.2
Less emphasis	11.8	13.7	12.7	22.1	5.0	26.7	5.3	29.6	21.4
Much less emphasis	3.9	5.4	9.4	0.9	1.9	3.7	1.2	5.8	3.7
Estimated number of members	51	77	91	239	132	714	136	282	1,722

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. State									
Much more emphasis	38.0	17.7	19.6	19.0	23.1	27.9	25.6	18.5	24.0
More emphasis	40.0	60.3	51.1	46.1	59.8	47.6	52.3	52.5	50.1
No change	20.0	17.9	21.3	29.6	16.4	18.6	20.2	21.4	20.6
Less emphasis	2.0	4.1	7.0	4.4	0.7	5.4	0.7	6.9	4.7
Much less emphasis	0	0	1.0	0.9	0	0.5	1.2	0.6	0.6
Estimated number of members	50	77	97	241	137	743	139	290	1,774

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Multi-county regional									
Much more emphasis	29.4	21.5	13.2	20.9	30.0	21.5	31.0	18.8	22.2
More emphasis	47.1	51.4	45.1	54.7	53.8	56.0	58.2	58.5	55.2
No change	21.6	23.0	32.2	18.3	14.1	18.6	10.9	19.7	18.8
Less emphasis	2.0	4.1	7.2	6.1	1.2	3.5	0	2.4	3.4
Much less emphasis	0	0	2.2	0	0.9	0.4	0	0.6	0.5
Estimated number of members	51	78	92	241	137	718	136	286	1,738

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Local (county)									
Much more emphasis	51.0	20.3	31.3	37.4	31.4	41.4	37.2	39.1	38.2
More emphasis	31.4	47.4	43.1	34.7	46.4	44.2	39.2	40.3	41.8
No change	17.6	29.6	22.0	24.2	14.8	10.4	20.9	16.6	16.1
Less emphasis	0	2.7	1.2	2.2	5.3	3.6	2.7	3.3	3.1
Much less emphasis	0	0	2.4	1.5	2.1	0.4	0	0.6	0.8
Estimated number of members	51	78	97	238	138	745	129	285	1,759

46. Congress is considering modifying existing USDA conservation programs or designing new programs. How important, if at all, are the following elements in modifying or designing these programs? (Check one for each row.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
1. Provide flexible eligibility									
Extremely important	52.9	24.2	20.4	27.9	16.2	29.6	26.5	29.9	28.0
Very important	37.3	58.8	49.8	49.8	52.9	48.5	45.2	54.1	49.9
Moderately important	5.9	9.2	16.7	15.3	15.3	16.0	19.3	9.2	14.5
Somewhat important	3.9	5.2	10.4	4.0	10.0	5.1	7.4	5.9	5.9
Slightly or not important	0	2.5	2.7	2.9	5.5	0.8	1.6	0.8	1.7
Estimated number of members	51	79	96	244	141	751	148	286	1,796

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
2. Allow economic use of lands									
Extremely important	31.4	3.9	18.5	22.0	7.6	24.1	9.2	41.1	23.1
Very important	45.1	61.5	44.2	46.5	21.7	35.1	33.6	41.3	38.4
Moderately important	17.6	24.2	20.0	22.7	30.2	23.9	30.7	8.4	21.9
Somewhat important	5.9	6.5	12.0	5.6	19.2	11.5	17.6	6.4	10.6
Slightly or not important	0	3.9	5.2	3.1	21.2	5.4	8.9	2.7	5.9
Estimated number of members	51	79	98	241	141	747	147	292	1,794

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
3. Provide payment for maintenance of existing practices									
Extremely important	14.0	2.7	8.4	11.9	7.3	14.7	13.1	20.6	13.7
Very important	42.0	38.8	31.4	36.2	29.8	33.2	34.9	43.2	35.5
Moderately important	28.0	25.4	25.1	29.2	32.3	26.4	35.2	23.7	27.4
Somewhat important	10.0	17.2	18.3	14.0	20.8	15.4	12.7	8.1	14.3
Slightly or not important	6.0	15.9	17.0	8.8	9.8	10.4	4.1	4.4	9.2
Estimated number of members	50	79	98	248	134	752	130	286	1,778

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
4. Emphasize local environmental priorities									
Extremely important	45.1	29.7	20.8	30.8	29.0	40.8	29.1	30.6	34.5
Very important	51.0	55.4	59.8	45.8	41.9	41.8	51.9	43.0	45.2
Moderately important	3.9	9.5	8.5	15.4	23.0	10.7	14.5	16.7	13.2
Somewhat important	0	4.1	10.9	5.8	4.1	5.7	3.2	8.0	5.8
Slightly or not important	0	1.3	0	2.2	1.9	0.9	1.3	1.7	1.3
Estimated number of members	51	78	100	253	148	771	149	289	1,838

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
5. Keep lands in production									
Extremely important	26.0	8.2	14.3	13.1	2.5	21.4	6.9	33.4	18.7
Very important	50.0	38.0	34.0	27.5	10.8	30.0	18.2	37.5	29.5
Moderately important	12.0	35.4	34.0	35.9	28.3	26.3	25.4	16.4	26.5
Somewhat important	10.0	15.5	13.2	14.7	22.3	14.0	20.0	10.2	14.5
Slightly or not important	2.0	2.9	4.5	8.9	36.1	8.2	29.6	2.6	10.7
Estimated number of members	50	74	99	249	143	751	146	293	1,806

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
6. Emphasize construction of waste structures									
Extremely important	17.6	10.6	11.5	9.2	6.5	12.8	3.1	14.2	11.3
Very important	41.2	28.5	38.5	34.8	35.5	32.0	27.8	36.1	33.5
Moderately important	23.5	29.8	37.0	34.2	30.4	29.2	27.0	36.6	31.4
Somewhat important	15.7	24.4	11.8	15.5	14.8	21.0	25.4	9.6	17.7
Slightly or not important	2.0	6.7	1.2	6.3	12.8	5.0	16.8	3.5	6.2
Estimated number of members	51	78	98	245	134	713	129	286	1,734

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
7. Allow a broad array of conservation practices									
Extremely important	60.8	49.5	37.7	24.8	30.2	39.8	20.3	32.1	35.1
Very important	35.3	46.5	41.5	55.8	46.7	45.7	65.3	48.3	48.7
Moderately important	3.9	4.0	12.9	9.9	15.6	9.4	9.3	13.3	10.4
Somewhat important	0	0	5.2	7.9	3.0	4.4	5.0	4.5	4.6
Slightly or not important	0	0	2.7	1.5	4.4	0.7	0	1.9	1.3
Estimated number of members	51	79	98	252	147	766	149	294	1,837

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
8. Make participation voluntary									
Extremely important	76.5	55.9	54.8	34.1	25.1	47.6	33.7	57.1	46.0
Very important	23.5	34.6	35.6	36.3	35.1	28.9	41.7	30.6	32.2
Moderately important	0	8.1	8.6	14.8	19.7	11.7	14.6	5.2	11.3
Somewhat important	0	1.4	1.0	7.4	4.8	8.2	5.3	5.2	6.2
Slightly or not important	0	0	0	7.3	15.4	3.6	4.7	1.9	4.4
Estimated number of members	51	79	100	246	138	740	147	291	1,791

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
9. Provide eligibility to all types of operations									
Extremely important	49.0	30.6	24.8	27.8	20.0	31.5	18.7	39.8	30.6
Very important	37.3	42.7	47.6	35.7	39.0	37.4	37.9	46.2	39.5
Moderately important	7.8	14.7	12.6	20.4	23.4	19.1	33.5	9.3	18.2
Somewhat important	5.9	9.2	12.0	6.6	8.4	8.5	5.1	3.2	7.3
Slightly or not important	0	2.7	2.9	9.6	9.2	3.4	4.8	1.5	4.4
Estimated number of members	51	79	96	247	144	749	131	289	1,786

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
10. Provide financial rewards for conservation practices									
Extremely important	60.8	31.7	30.4	31.1	27.0	34.5	39.5	44.0	35.7
Very important	29.4	48.0	48.7	42.9	44.2	40.2	39.7	37.1	40.8
Moderately important	9.8	12.2	11.7	16.9	19.3	16.9	15.3	12.2	15.5
Somewhat important	0	6.8	7.0	6.8	7.1	5.7	3.9	6.2	5.9
Slightly or not important	0	1.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.8	1.6	0.5	2.0
Estimated number of members	51	76	101	251	149	761	148	294	1,831

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
11. Allow non-NRCS entities to provide technical assistance									
Extremely important	2.1	2.7	26.3	28.2	23.4	24.6	39.0	40.3	27.1
Very important	12.5	16.2	27.1	31.3	39.5	30.4	33.0	25.5	29.4
Moderately important	43.8	29.8	22.7	19.6	21.7	18.7	13.4	22.6	20.7
Somewhat important	25.0	27.1	7.1	11.9	14.5	14.4	10.9	6.2	12.9
Slightly or not important	16.7	24.2	16.7	9.0	1.0	11.9	3.6	5.4	9.9
Estimated number of members	48	78	94	239	139	746	137	281	1,763

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
12. Provide up- front payments									
Extremely important	16.3	7.0	22.0	15.8	10.7	18.3	21.8	23.5	18.2
Very important	32.7	25.4	22.9	28.4	20.5	30.4	39.0	45.1	31.8
Moderately important	36.7	35.3	30.7	34.1	32.9	25.9	19.8	20.6	27.3
Somewhat important	8.2	19.7	9.1	13.5	18.3	14.1	13.5	7.9	13.0
Slightly or not important	6.1	12.6	15.4	8.2	17.6	11.3	5.9	2.9	9.7
Estimated number of members	49	74	97	244	122	715	119	282	1,702

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
13. Other (Please specify)									
Extremely important	100.0	87.5	100.0	71.3	86.9	66.7	76.2	100.0	78.8
Very important	0	12.5	0	28.7	13.1	28.4	23.8	0	19.1
Slightly or not important	0	0	0	0	0	4.9	0	0	2.1
Estimated number of members	11	8	3	14	9	53	10	16	124

Respondent Information

47. Which one category best describes your organization? (Check one.)

	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
47. Which one category best describes your organization? (Check one)									
NRCS State Conservationist	96.1	3.9	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	3.0
NRCS, Other	3.9	94.8	0	3.0	1.0	0.4	0	0	4.8
Farm Service Agency	0	0	86.0	11.0	0	0.4	0	0	6.3
FSA State Committee	0	0	11.8	11.2	0	0	0	1.0	2.3
Forest Service	0	0	2.3	10.9	0	0	3.0	0	1.9
CSREES	0	0	0	26.3	0	0.4	1.5	0	3.9
Rural Development	0	1.2	0	6.9	0	0.5	0	0	1.2
Other USDA	0	0	0	5.0	0	1.4	0	1.9	1.6
Fish and Wildlife Service	0	0	0	0	40.3	0.3	0	0	3.4
Bureau of Land Management	0	0	0	0	2.7	0	0	0	0.2
Bureau of Indian Affairs	0	0	0	0	5.3	0.3	0	0	0.6
Bureau of Reclamation	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0.1
US Geological Survey	0	0	0	0	4.8	0	0	0	0.4
Army Corps of Engineers	0	0	0	0	19.7	0	0	0	1.6
State fish and wildlife agency	0	0	0	0	0	11.6	0.6	0	4.9
State forestry agency	0	0	0	1.5	0	5.1	0	0	2.3
State water resources agency	0	0	0	0	0	7.2	0	0	3.0
State dept of agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	9.4	0	0	3.9
State assoc of soil and water districts	0	0	0	0	0	10.6	0.8	1.1	4.7
State coastal zone management agency	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0.3

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	NRCS State Conserva- tionists	NRCS	Farm Service Agency	All other USDA	All other federal	State, Local, Tribal	Environ- mental Interests	Agricul- tural Interests	Total
47. Which one category best describes your organization? (Check one)									
State soil and water conserv agency	0	0	0	0	0	15.5	2.2	0	6.7
Other state agency	0	0	0	0.7	0	14.2	2.2	1.9	6.5
Tribal governments	0	0	0	0	1.0	7.8	1.0	0	3.4
Agricultural producers (farmers)	0	0	0	1.5	0	2.2	0.8	31.6	6.1
For-profit agribusiness	0	0	0	0	0	1.2	0.8	12.2	2.4
Nonprofit org	0	0	0	2.3	0	7.9	85.5	44.5	17.5
Universities	0	0	0	19.7	0	0	0	0	2.8
Other knowledgeable persons	0	0	0	0	24.1	2.4	1.5	5.9	4.0
Estimated number of members	51	81	101	265	154	798	154	295	1,899

Comments

48. Please provide below any comments you have about your state or local agricultural environmental needs.
49. Please add any other comments or suggestions you have about the current or future agricultural conservation programs.
50. Please add any comments or suggestions you have about this questionnaire.

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