

The 2014 Farm Bill and NRCS Easement Programs

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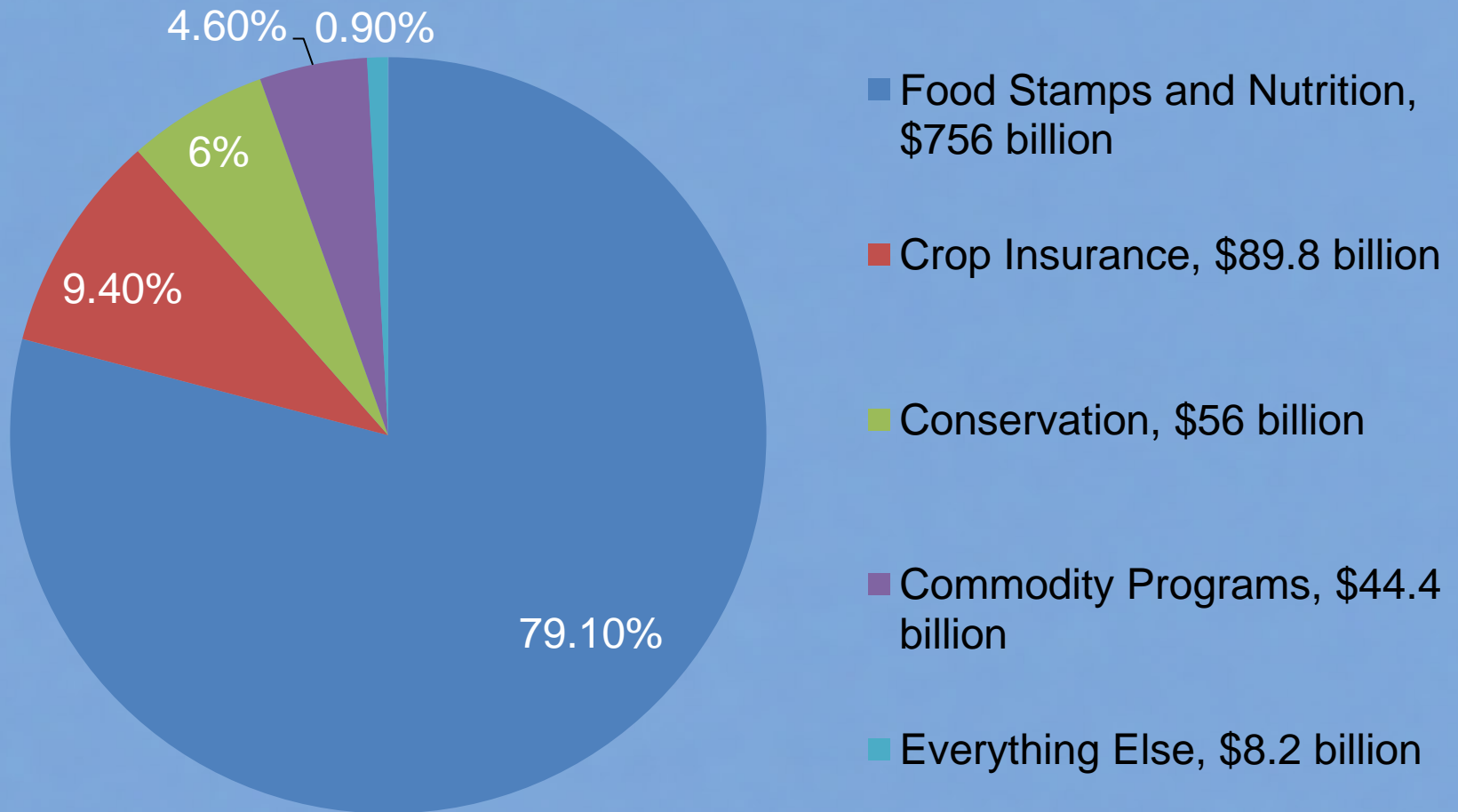


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What's in the Farm Bill?

(Costs from FY 2014-2023)



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WRP Purpose and Emphasis

- The main purpose is to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands on eligible private or tribal lands while maximizing wildlife habitat benefits.
- Emphasis is placed on habitat for migratory birds and other wetland dependent wildlife including T/E species and species of concern.
- Application is voluntary
- Other objectives are:
 - Protection and improvement of water quality
 - Flood water storage
 - Recharge of groundwater
 - Protection and enhancement of open space and aesthetic quality
 - Protection of native flora and fauna



Land Eligibility

- Land is capable of having wetland hydrology and hydric vegetation restored.
- Only private land or land owned by Indian Tribes is eligible .
- Landowner must provide legal Ingress/Egress to NRCS.
- Landowner must provide clear title.
- Own land for 2-years prior to enrollment (waiver capability).
- Compliant with Highly Erodible Lands and Wetlands with FSA (sodbuster and swampbuster provisions of Farm Bill).
- Compliant with Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
 - Three year average of Adjusted Gross Non-Farm Income cannot exceed \$900,000.
- At least 50% of the easement must be restorable



Easements and Cost Share

- WRP has three enrollment options from which the Landowner can choose at the time of application:
 - Permanent Easement (1-time easement payment, 100% Restoration)
 - 30 year Easement (75% of the 1-time easement payment, 75% Restoration)

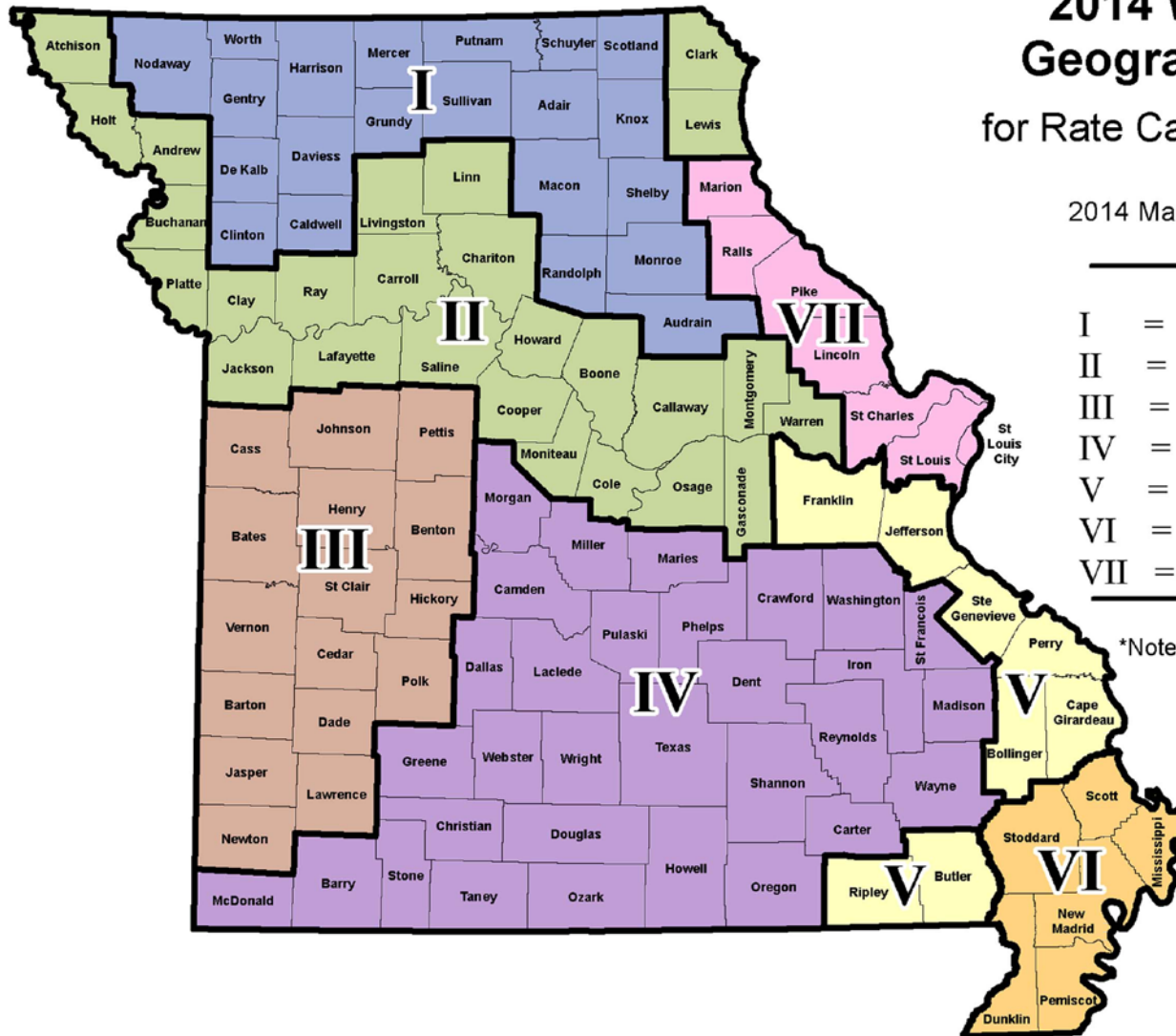


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2014 WRP Missouri Geographic Regions for Rate Cap Determinations



2014 Maximum Payment Rate for each Region *

	Cropland	Woodland
I =	\$2,910	\$1,280
II =	\$3,600	\$1,420
III =	\$2,780	\$1,400
IV =	\$1,650	\$1,200
V =	\$3,440	\$1,840
VI =	\$3,650	\$1,880
VII =	\$3,780	\$1,790

*Note: The conservation easement value will be the lower of:

- appraised value
- geographic rate cap
- landowner offer

Questions?

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