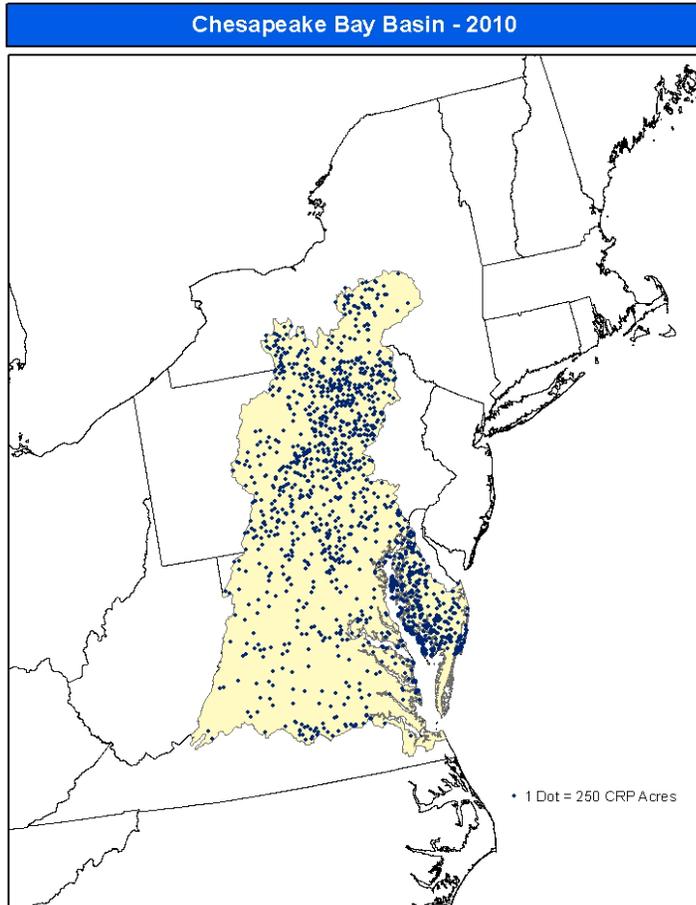


CRP BENEFITS

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The Environmental Benefits of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Chesapeake Bay Basin - 2010



CRP buffers intercept sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorus from farmed fields:

- In the Chesapeake Bay watershed, buffers intercepted 8 million tons of sediment, 16 million pounds of nitrogen, and 5 million pounds of phosphorus in 2010.

Fields enrolled in CRP reduce the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment leaving fields in runoff and percolate:

- Ninety-five percent less nitrogen and 86 percent less phosphorus are lost from CRP fields than fields that are not in CRP.

FSA is using CRP enrollment data, the USDA soils and natural resource inventories, and cooperative agreements with federal, state and other partners to refine these performance measures and to estimate the benefits from CRP.

For more information see <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=ecpa&topic=nra>

	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Land enrolled						
In Buffers	Million Acres	314	322	316	303	302
In Wetlands	Million Acres	96	100	105	103	107
	Million Acres	5	5	5	6	6
Reductions (not leaving field or intercepted by buffers)						
Sediment	Million Tons	11	11	11	11	11
Nitrogen	Million lbs.	26	27	27	27	27
Phosphorus	Million lbs.	7	7	7	7	7
Carbon Sequestered	Million Metric Tons	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

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