

## — A look at the CRP:

- USDA wants 25.5 mil. acres in CRP this year... cap rises to 27 mil. in FY 2023.
- CRP exit costs... cover must be destroyed with chemicals or tillage.
- Those with contracts expiring Sept. 30 can destroy cover on CRP acres before contract expires starting July 1 year contract expires. Must have approved conservation plan... cannot destroy cover during primary nesting season (varies) and annual CRP payment reduced from date of cover destruction through Sept. 30.
- CRP acres need extra fertilizer or nitrogen applied... may take two years to return land to productive state... typically less productive and return less than regular productive farm ground.
- As of Jan. 1, 22.1 mil. acres in CRP. Contracts on 4 mil. acres expire as of Sept. 30... 3.42 mil. acres enrolled via general signups and 560,000 acres via continuous signup... more environmentally sensitive.
- General CRP signup underway ends March 11 and contracts start Oct. 1... just 25,565 acres enrolled via continuous signup. CRP Grasslands signup runs April 4-May 13.
- With 4 mil. acres expiring Sept. 30, with no other changes, that would put CRP acres at 18 million. To meet USDA's "goal" of 25.5 mil., would mean 7.5 mil. acres must be enrolled via general signup, CRP Grasslands or continuous signup... a tall order.
- Typically, more than 50% to 60% of contracts under general signup are via expiring CRP contracts offered for re-enrollment in program.