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Question1: see question #4
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Question4: Dear USDA,

I have several thoughts regarding the Conservation Reserve Program and believe they fit best here but before sharing those thoughts a little background is in order. I co-own a piece of property with my siblings that has been in the Fuchs Family since about 1948. I am also a conservationist and hunter serving as vice president and habitat co-chair of the Ozaukee County chapter of Pheasants Forever.

20 years ago the property we own in North Dakota was rented to a neighbor who raised small grain crops. My father and I built a new four strand barbed wire fence accross the entire face of the property. Three years later dad took me to a low spot through which the fence crossed. To my suprise only two feet of the fenceposts remained sticking out of the ground. Erosion from the field above would have completely burried the posts had it not been for dad enrolling the land in the CRP program in 1986. Since then there has been virtually no erosion difficulties on our property. Similar results have been noted where ever land has been enrolled in the CRP. One of my farmer friends here in Wisconsin who enrolled land in CRP observed that the stream running through his property has never run so clearly.

Along with the environmental benifits of CRP come wildlife enhancement advantages. CRP has boosted populations of all wildlife. This is a good thing.

I realize there are those who have arguements against renewing the program. I have heard all of those arguements and resopnd by saying that the CRP does much more good than harm and that is why I am a staunch supporter. Some would say I am bias because I have land in the program. Actually we as a family could make considerably more money if, when the land comes out of CRP in 2007, we would rent the land to a neighbor rather than renew our CRP contract.

USDA and congress must do what is right for the majority of the people and it is my opinion that renewal of CRP is the right thing to do. Please make it happen.
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