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Question4: We must first look at the country as different bio and geo-regions. Conservation policy in one region does not fit another. For example...planting trees in a grassland region of the country is more detrimental to native wildlife species than it is beneficial. Tree planting (via a CRP practice) may be appropriate in a forested region of the US, but not the prairie. There also seems to be a change in the control of conservation practices. The NRCS once managed programs like CRP, but now it seems FSA is taking control. With FSA at the helm CRP enrollment has almost ended in the area.

In the text above it mentions private forestland, when will grasslands receive any attention? Current farm policy protects the farmer who plowed the marginal grassland under for row crop production (and shouldn't have), but not the grass farmer. When will there be price protection for the farmer who didn't destroy his pasture with a plow, but continues to use it in a sustainable fashion? There are many areas of the Midwest that should never see a plow, but that doesn't mean they can't be productive lands. Many areas not suitable for row crops may still be used for pasture or hay production. Having this perennial cover on the land answers many issues of erosion and wildlife habitat.

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