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Question4: The 2002 Farm Bill held a lot of promise in regards to conservation programs, but much of this failed to materialize as many of those programs were seriously cut back. The Wetlands Reserve Program was cut 60 percent in the last two years. The 2007 bill should not only continue these programs but fully fund them and help them grow.

Four of five agricultural producers who apply to participate in conservation programs are currently turned away due to lack of funding. The 2007 bill should leave no farmer behind.

For all the good that has been achieved through enrolling land in conservation easements such as the Conservation and Wetlands reserve programs, we are still losing ground to production. We must address this issue in the next farm bill if we are to protect our public investment in agricultural conservation and retain sufficient habitat for fish and wildlife to thrive.

The Conservation Reserve Program: Helps pay farmers to plant vegetative cover that cuts down on soil erosion and at the same time increases habitat for nesting waterfowl, upland game birds and other wildlife in critical areas such as the Prairie Pothole Region.

The Grassland Reserve Program: Helps landowners restore America's most endangered ecosystems, grasslands, which are home to a wide array of species such as bison and sage grouse.

The Wetlands Reserve Program: Encourages the re-establishment or protection of wetlands many of which have been filled in and converted to farmland. Wetlands filter contaminants and sediment from water that enters lakes, rivers and groundwater, as well as support a third of all bird species and nearly 200 species of amphibians in the United States alone.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program: Provides financial incentives for farmers and landowners to create wildlife habitat on their lands. Already, more than a million acres and more than 8,400 projects have been approved under this program, significantly increasing wildlife benefits.

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