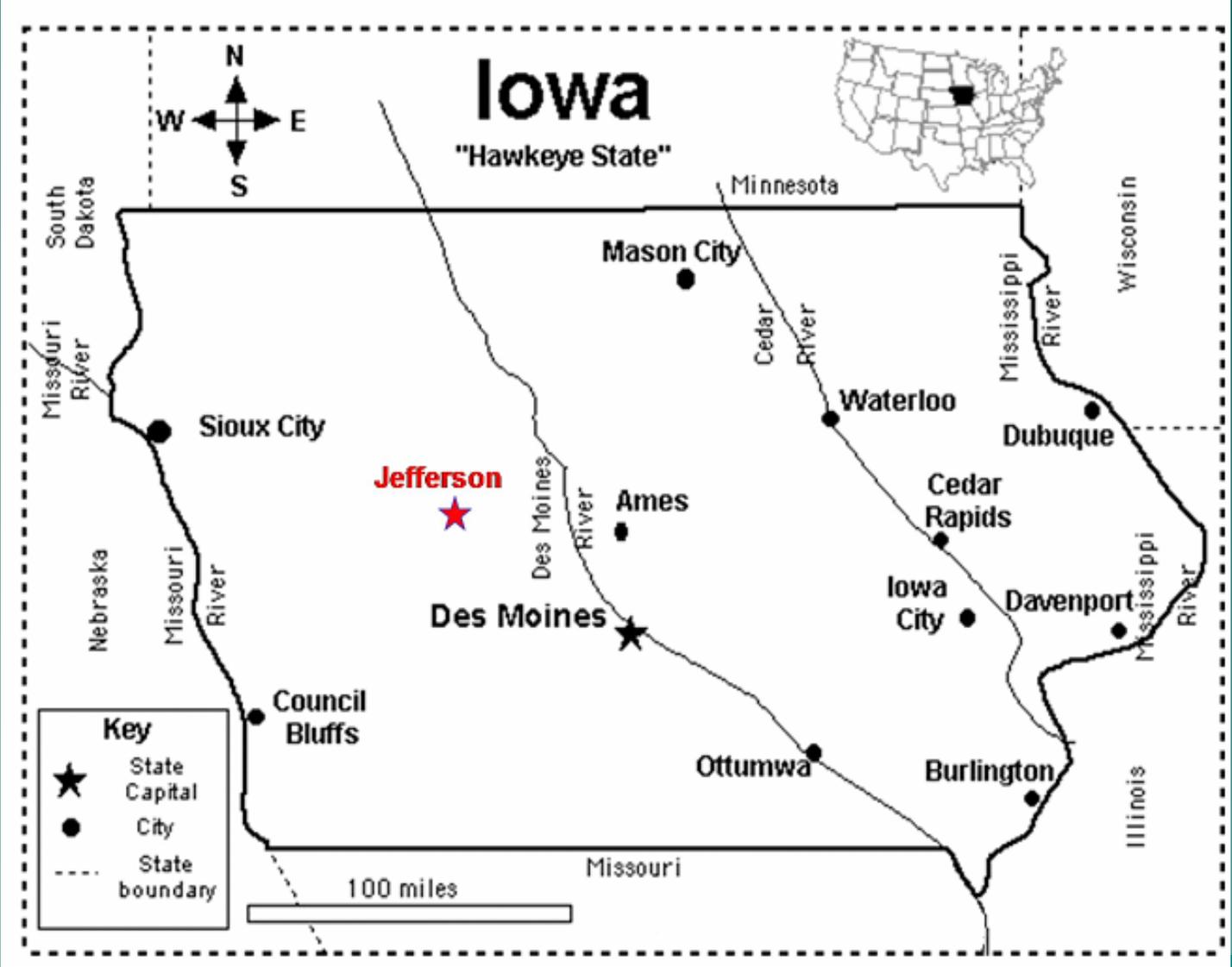


# A Participant's View of the 2005 CSP Experience in Iowa

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# Andrew Farms, Incorporated

- ◆ 1275 acres corn and soybean operation in west central Iowa
- ◆ Family farm corporation formed in 1975
- ◆ 3 Iowa Century Farms-each owned by same family for 100 years
- ◆ 80 acres purchased from U.S. government for \$1.25/acre in 1855.



# 1974

Annual tile/terrace installation, 3 farm ponds built and nurtured with surrounding wildlife areas; built surface drains, grassed waterways, and practiced conservation tillage.





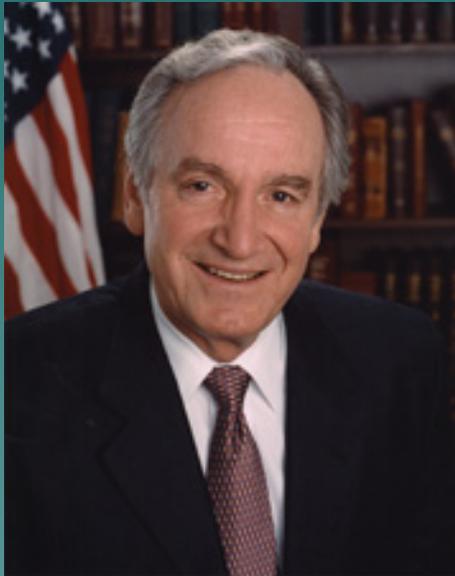
# 1993

After 3 years of extensive study and planning including NNTC attendance, we went 100% no-till and sold most of tillage equipment to avoid backsliding into tillage habit.

# 1998

- Stopped fall AA application
- Started liquid nitrogen in-season strip trials with Dr. Fred Blackmer, ISU agronomy prof
- Fall nitrogen stalk tests
- Strip till fertilization and planting
- Effect of calcareous soils on bean yields
- Strip test poly-coated urea surface spread over planted corn in spring





**2002**

**Senator Tom Harkin,  
Chairman of U.S. Senate Ag  
Committee and “founding  
father” of the Conservation  
Security Program, a part of  
the 2002 farm bill**

# Be proactive!



**ISA DIRECTOR** and soybean grower Jim Andrew (left) attended the CSP meeting.

*Photo by Mick Lane*



**SEN. TOM HARKIN, D-IOWA**, (left) is a champion of the Conservation Security Program and recently held a meeting to ask farmers for their input.

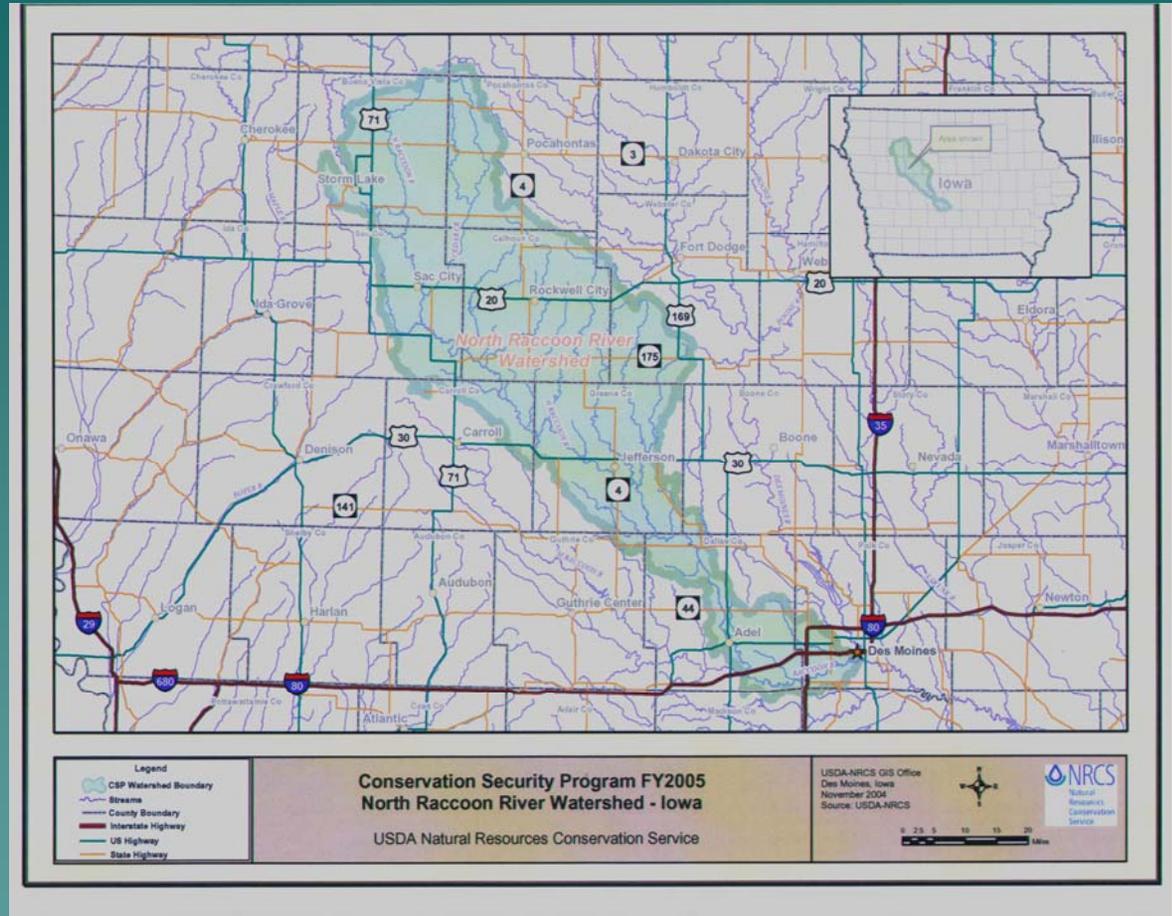
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## Harkin, Farmers Voice Concerns About CSP

“I’ve been waiting three years for my chance to sign up for the program,” Jim Andrew told Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, March 13 at a meeting called by the senator to get farmer feedback on the Conservation Security Program. Andrew, an ISA director, farms in the North Raccoon River watershed near Jefferson, so is eligible to sign up for the 2005 CSP.

# March 2005

## Applied for Conservation Security Program- North Raccoon River Watershed.









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# Financial breakdown for Andrew Farms

Stewardship Payment--\$14.35 per acre	\$13,500
No-Till	\$15,284
Enhancement-soil conditioning indices	\$ 7,746
Enhancement-minimum use pesticides with resistant varieties	\$ 2,035
Enhancement-no fall anhydrous	\$ 2,038
Enhancement- <u>S</u> oil <u>T</u> illage <u>I</u> ntensity <u>R</u> ating (STIR)-soybean rotation to reduce nitrogen	\$ 1,020
Existing Practice Payment	\$ 3,377

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Total	\$45,000
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