

Tales from the Trenches: Forests in the Farm Bill

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Program Overview

	Agency	Mandatory/ Discretionary	2008 Farm Bill Authorization Level for FY 2010*
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	NRCS	Mandatory	\$1.45 billion per year
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	NRCS	Mandatory	\$85 million per year
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	NRCS	Mandatory	32 million total acres; \$805 million
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	FSA	Mandatory	32 million total acres
Forest Stewardship Program (FSP)	Forest Service	Discretionary	\$29.3 million in 2010
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	NRCS	Mandatory	3.04 million total acres
Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP)	NRCS	Mandatory	\$9.75 million annually
Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)	FSA	Discretionary	\$18 million in 2010 until expended
Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)	FSA	Mandatory	Funding necessary to implement*
Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)	NRCS	Mandatory	6 percent of eligible programs
Conservation Innovation Grants and Payments	NRCS	Mandatory	\$37.5 million annually (from EQIP)
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program	NIFA	Mandatory	\$18 million per year

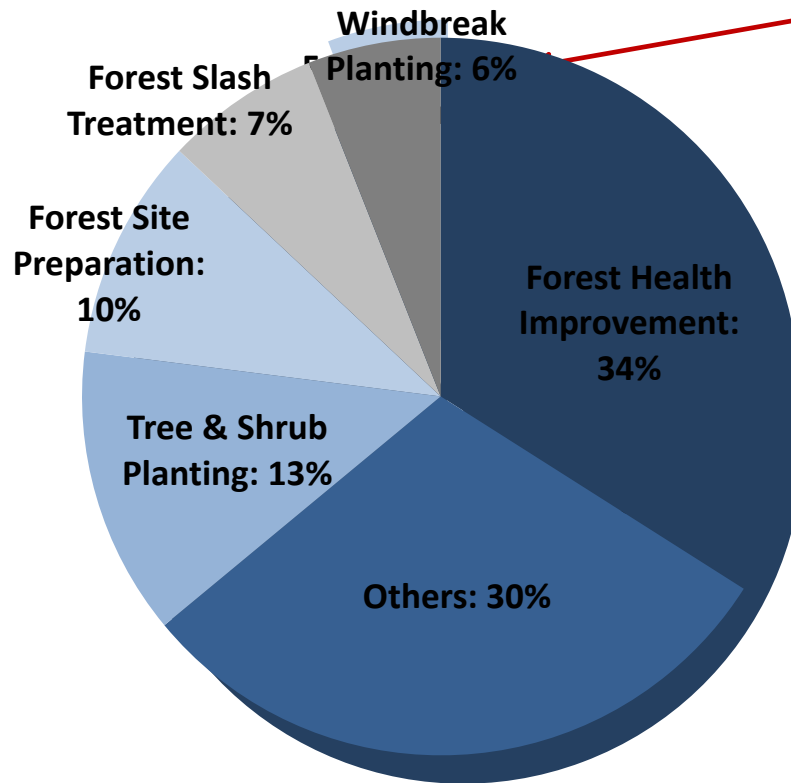
*Appropriations for programs may not match authorized levels because of Congressional reductions to mandatory funding levels



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EQIP: Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Distribution of Funds by Practices, 2010



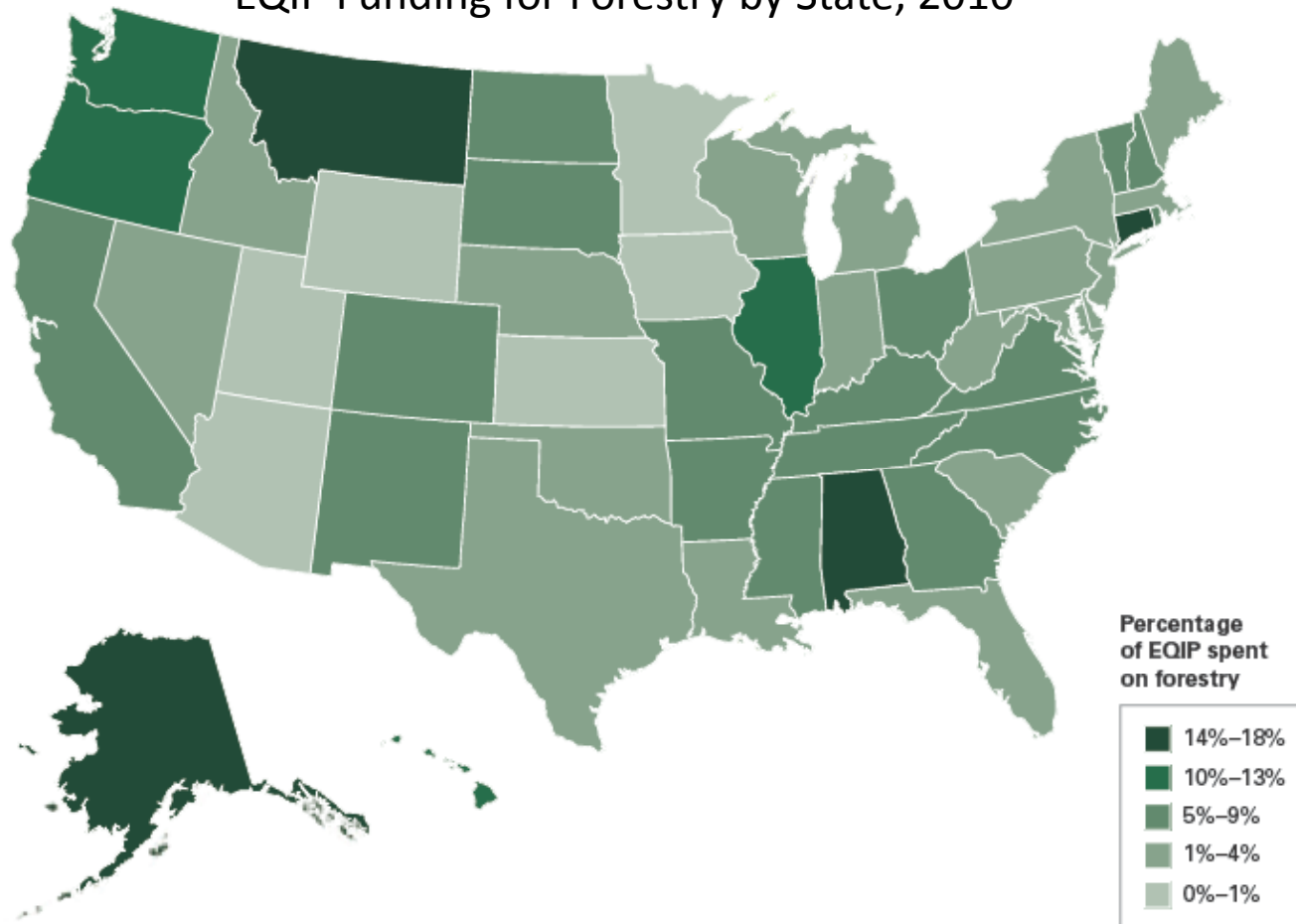
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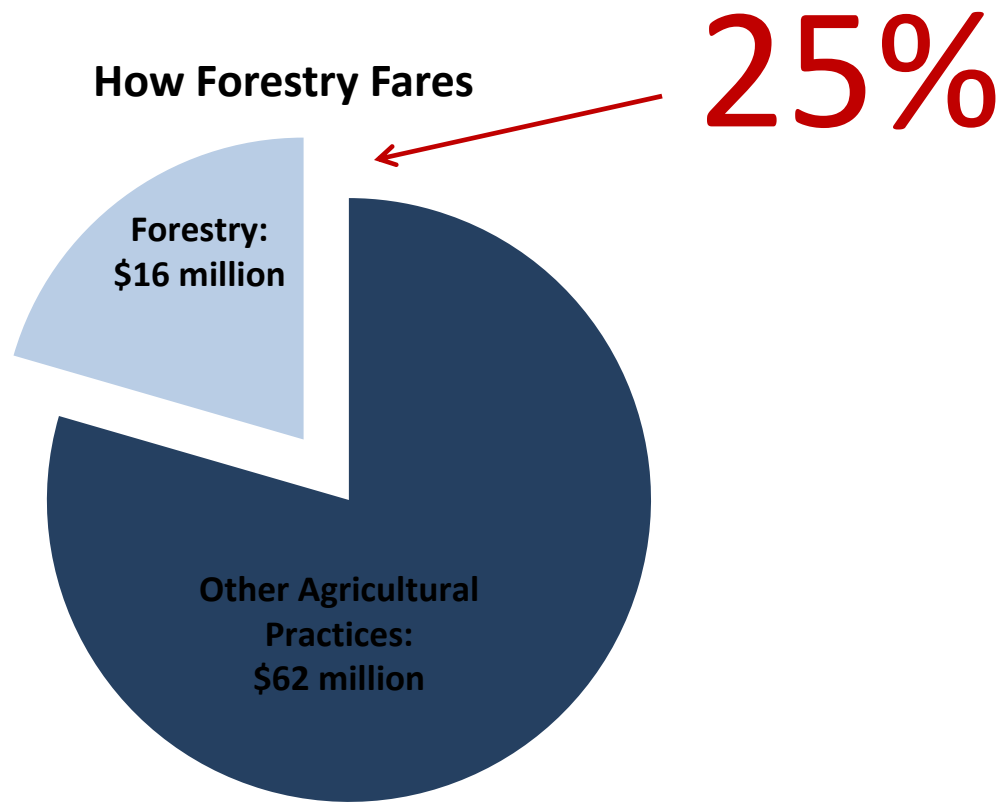
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EQIP Funding for Forestry by State, 2010



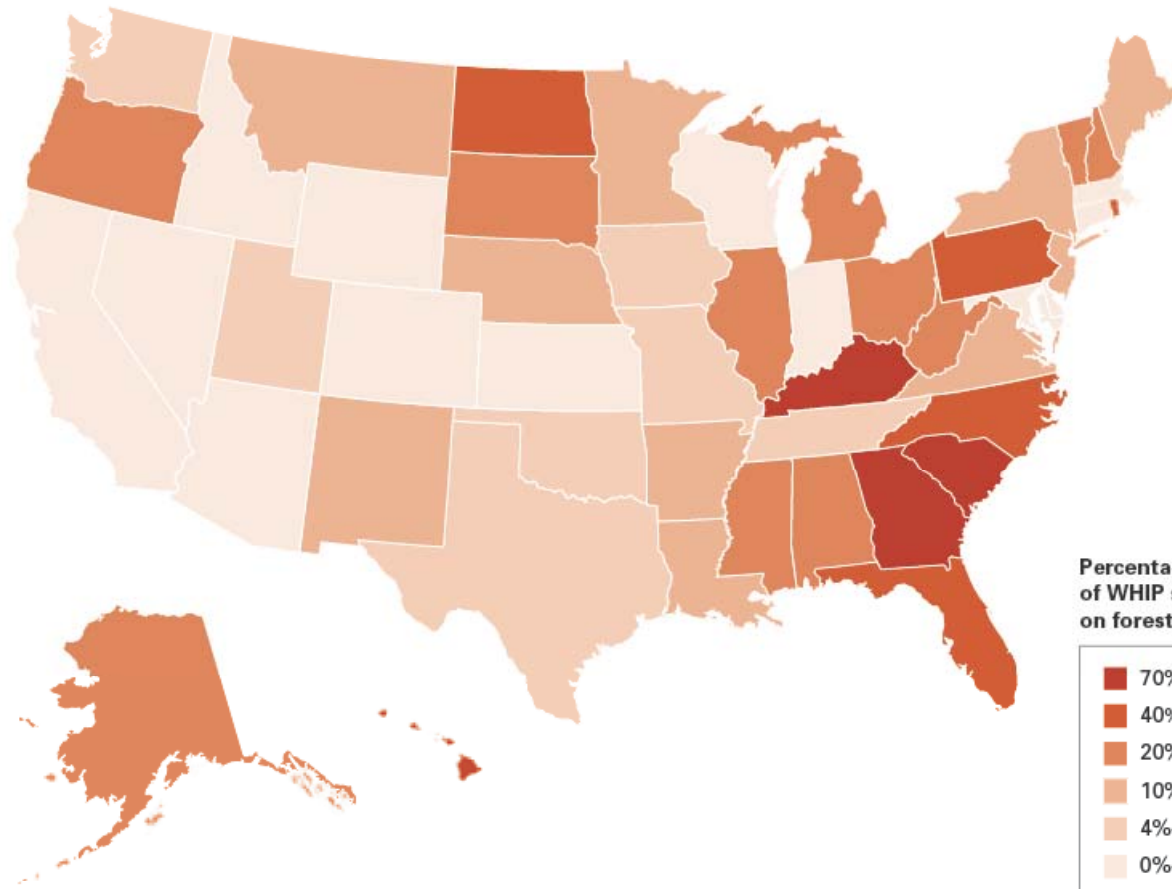
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WHIP: Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program



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CSP: Conservation Stewardship Program



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FSP: Forest Stewardship Program

Forest Stewardship Program Results, 2007-2010

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Plans written	14,589	14,231	15,902	14,764
New Acres under forest stewardship plan	1,878,654	1,747,812	2,076,272	1,840,255
Landowners attending educational events	620,518	723,155	569,968	229,959



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Other Farm Bill Programs

Healthy Forest Reserve Program

CRP Conservation Program



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Still More...

- CCPI: Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative
- Wetland Reserve Program
- Emergency Forest Restoration Program
- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Program



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Barbara Ford-WHIP



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Walt and Donna Lange-CREP



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Questions

- What does the Farm Bill mean to you?
- How do you use Farm Bill programs?
- What fears or threats do the Farm Bill programs address?
- What do you want the FB to help with?
- What is the one thing you want to see preserved or maintained in the 2012 Farm Bill?



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