

Progress in CRP

- EBI
- Buffer program
- CREP
- CP 25
- Floodplain wetlands and bottomland hardwoods

Raising the Bar

- 10% of the cropland
- Subtleties of “cover” and management
- Importance of location
 - Soil erosion (NW Iowa versus Clinch River)
 - Site-specific habitat opportunities
- Management Activities on surrounding land
 - No till, fish access, controlled drainage, invasive species
- At-risk wildlife

Key Issues

- Spreading out 16 million acres in 2007
- Improving on the EBI
 - One balancing calculation?
 - Water quality and whole fields?
- Improving continuous enrollment
 - NRCS is busy
 - Adding critical wildlife areas
 - Rangeland riparian areas







Key issues

- Maintenance & managed haying and grazing
 - Incorporating maintenance into EBI
 - Better maintenance incentives
 - Subtler haying and grazing rules
 - Grassland type
 - Location
 - Habitat specialists
 - Invasive species

Key Issues

- Inappropriate plantings







