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GLICKMAN ANNOUNCES CONTINUOUS CRP ENROLLMENT FIGURES

WASHINGTON, July 13, 1998--Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said today that 618,888 acres of land dedicated to buffer practices have been enrolled into 10- to 15-year contracts under the Conservation Reserve Program's (CRP) continuous sign-up.

"These practices provide both on and off-farm environmental benefits," Glickman said. "Conservation buffers are among the most valuable conservation practices, and I am pleased with the response we've had from farmers."

Land enrolled under the CRP continuous sign-up is a key component of USDA's Conservation Buffer Initiative, which promotes the voluntary enrollment of 2 million miles of buffers along the nation's streams, rivers, and tributaries.

As part of the initiative, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), state forestry agencies and conservation districts, works with farmers to install buffer practices to enhance water quality and wildlife habitat and reduce erosion on certain cropland and marginal pastureland. Participants receive technical and cost-share assistance to start the practices, and annual rental payments under the 10- to 15-year contract.

"By allowing farmers to immediately enroll buffers and other highly desirable environmental practices into CRP contracts at any time during the year, USDA is successfully promoting voluntary conservation," Glickman said.

Under the continuous sign-up, all eligible farmers may enter at any time into CRP contracts for windbreaks, grass waterways, shelter belts, filter strips, riparian buffers, and certain other highly desirable conservation practices.

"I strongly encourage all farmers to visit their USDA Service Center to learn which continuous sign-up practices are suitable for their land," said Glickman.

Additional information is available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crpinfo.htm>

The total acreage of each conservation practice enrolled by state under the continuous CRP sign-up follows.

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CONTINUOUS SIGN-UP PRACTICES---ACRES ESTABLISHED
(MARCH 1998 ACTIVE CONTRACT UPLOAD)

STATE	FILTER STRIP (CP21)	RIPARIAN BUFFER (CP22)	WIND-BREAK (CP5)	WIND STRIP (CP24)	GRASS WATERWAY (CP8)	SHALLOW WATER FOR WILDLIFE (CP9)	CONTOUR GRASS STRIP (CP15)	SALT-TOLERANT VEGETATION	WELLHEAD PROTECT. AREA	OTHER 1/	TOTAL
ALABAMA	61	242	0	0	26	15	159	0	0	0	501
ARKANSAS	391	702	0	0	0	218	0	0	0	0	1,310
COLORADO	150	24	203	0	220	2	256	0	0	99	954
CONNECTICUT	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
DELAWARE	346	15	0	0	2	70	0	0	0	0	433
FLORIDA	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
GEORGIA	320	140	0	0	3	4	0	0	4	0	470
IDAHO	24	511	10	0	0	15	13	0	0	9	581
ILLINOIS	36,878	17,006	419	1	4,544	285	194	0	425	18	59,770
INDIANA	9,703	539	182	0	1,319	198	36	0	0	5	11,983
IOWA	48,450	11,527	770	0	3,732	408	9,622	0	16	227	74,753
KANSAS	4,229	2,374	88	15	542	55	740	2,265	35	2,286	10,363
KENTUCKY	2,256	559	0	0	131	33	0	0	0	0	2,978
LOUISIANA	167	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,312	0	1,511
MAINE	2	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	39
MARYLAND	1,731	221	0	0	83	153	0	0	229	441	2,859
MASSACHUSETTS	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
MICHIGAN	2,434	80	27	0	84	67	0	0	5	6	2,701
MINNESOTA	51,653	5,434	748	1	164	197	16	822	1,156	1,376	60,745
MISSISSIPPI	916	1,260	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2,179
MISSOURI	9,608	695	0	0	135	61	386	0	0	0	10,884
MONTANA	0	214	61	4	3	0	355	141,064	352	11,077	142,067
NEBRASKA	2,024	346	616	0	120	10	61	198	1,595	443	5,216
NEW HAMPSHIRE	154	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158
NEW JERSEY	31	1	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	43
NEW YORK	262	64	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	327
NORTH CAROLINA	30	22	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	62
NORTH DAKOTA	1,463	162	650	0	35	15	0	54,267	5,738	4,566	62,629
OHIO	9,987	279	136	0	404	83	0	0	195	0	11,085
OKLAHOMA	52	39	5	0	17	0	0	8,145	128	8,145	8,386
OREGON	205	91	0	0	68	0	16	1	0	1	382
PENNSYLVANIA	5	31	0	0	22	10	17	0	0	0	84
SOUTH CAROLINA	2,074	2,274	0	0	16	69	0	0	0	0	4,433
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,676	57	1,742	4	165	42	19	1,108	89,344	2,290	96,338
TENNESSEE	1,052	179	0	0	9	5	15	0	0	0	1,261
TEXAS	93	47	0	23	122	0	143	644	5,457	644	6,529
VERMONT	0	57	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	63
VIRGINIA	39	153	3	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	204
WASHINGTON	29,507	294	4	0	44	1	393	316	0	317	30,559
WEST VIRGINIA	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
WISCONSIN	2,945	237	29	0	69	402	66	0	143	2	3,892
WYOMING	0	25	6	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	40
U.S.	221,919	46,081	5,704	48	12,104	2,434	12,506	208,830	106,140	21,952	618,888

1/ Includes CP15, CP16, CP17, and State CREP.