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CONSERVATION AND CROP INSURANCE
Figure 1. Acres and Value Insured by the Federal Crop Insurance Program, 2000-2021

Congressional Research Service

444 million acres insured (2021)
880 million acres ag land (2022)
382 million acres cropland (2022)

USDA Economic Research Service; 2022 Census of Agriculture
1,900,487 farms & ranches in the United States (2022)

369,393 farms & ranches enrolled in federal crop insurance (2022)
More than 90% of planted acres for corn, soybeans, and cotton and more than 85% of wheat planted acres were insured through FCIP (2019).
Good Farming Practices (GFP)

- Established by the Risk Management Agency (RMA).
- Cover crops added to GFP in 2018 Farm Bill.
- RMA added ALL Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conservation practices added to GFP in Dec. 2023.
  - Senate proposal - would align.
Discounts in Senate framework:

- Directs USDA to consider offering discounts for cover crops, crop rotations, precision irrigation or fertilization.
- Federal match of state cover crop payments up to $5/acre.
  - USDA can provide similar matching for other conservation practices likely to improve long-term soil fertility.
Sodsaver

- Reduces crop insurance premium subsidies by 50% on newly broken sod for 4 years.
  - APH is limited to 65% of T-yield.
- Currently in Prairie Pothole Region: IA, MN, MT, NE, ND, SD.
- Senate proposal would make nationwide.
  - Estimated to save $50 million over 10 years.
Senate framework:

- Directs research and development on a policy to insure crops on fields regularly using cover crops.
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Photo: Drew Dietz
38,678 acres of oats for grain, Iowa (2022)

11,356 acres of oats insured, Iowa (2022)

2022 Census of Agriculture; USDA Risk Management Agency
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