

# Farm Service Agency

## Program Update

# CRP General Signup

Secretary Vilsack announced General CRP Signup 45:

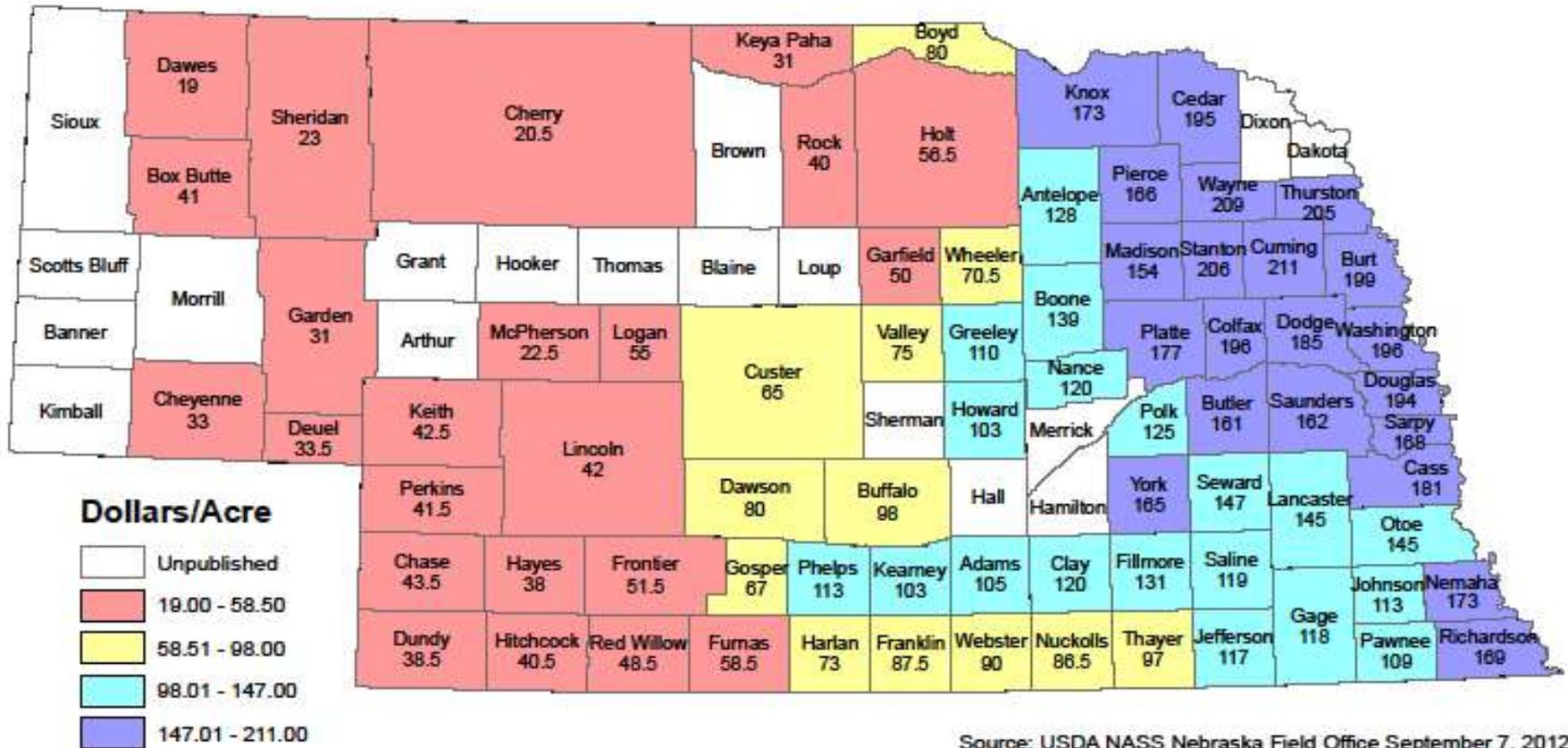
- May 20 – June 14
- Current Enrollment – 897,111 acres
- Expiring CRP 09/30 – 95,911 acres

# CRP General Signup

## Preparations:

- Soil Rental Rate Update
- Using 2012 NASS Surveys plus 10 percent
- County Committees could request alternative rate – 25 Counties

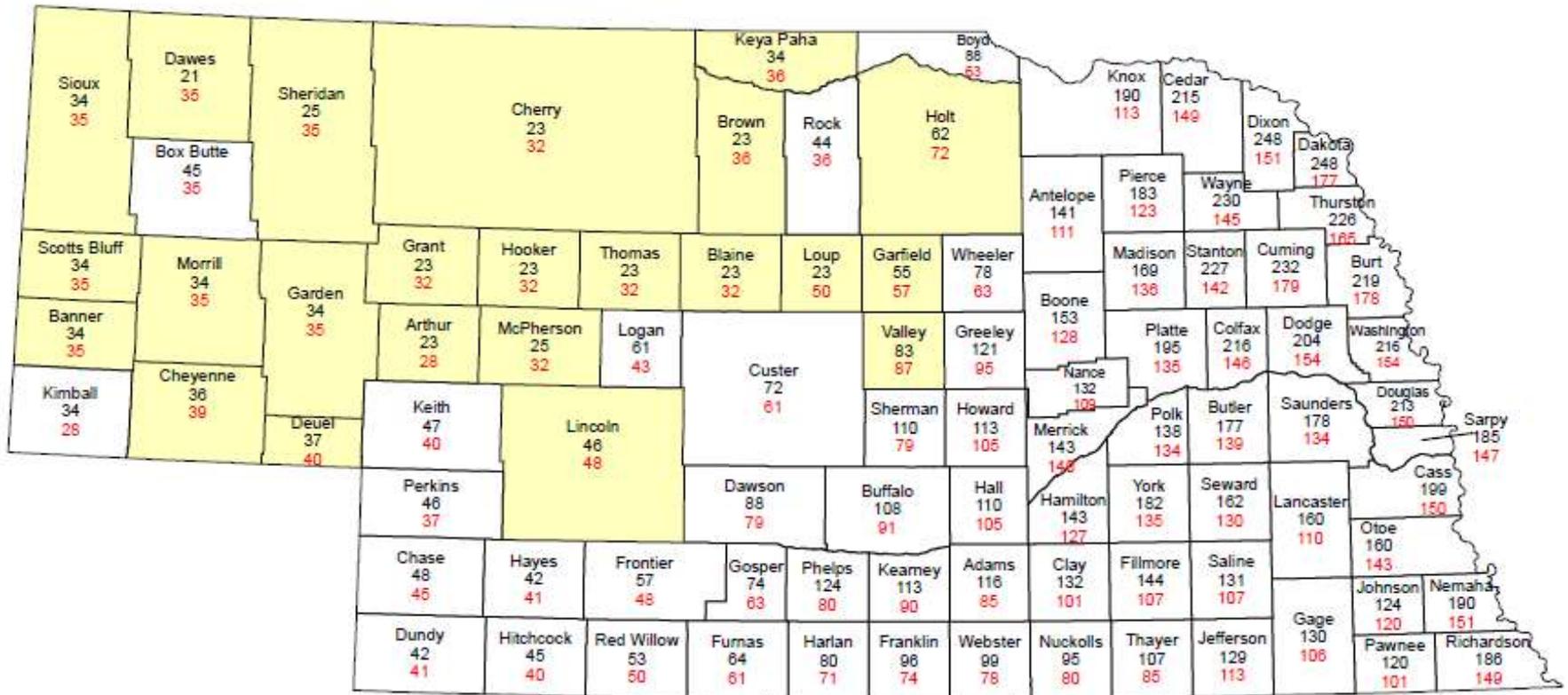
## 2012 Nebraska Dryland Cropland Rent Paid Per Acre



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office September 7, 2012

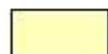
# 2013 CRP Rental Rate Review - Dryland

Nebraska FSA



**Proposed Rate**

**Current Rate**

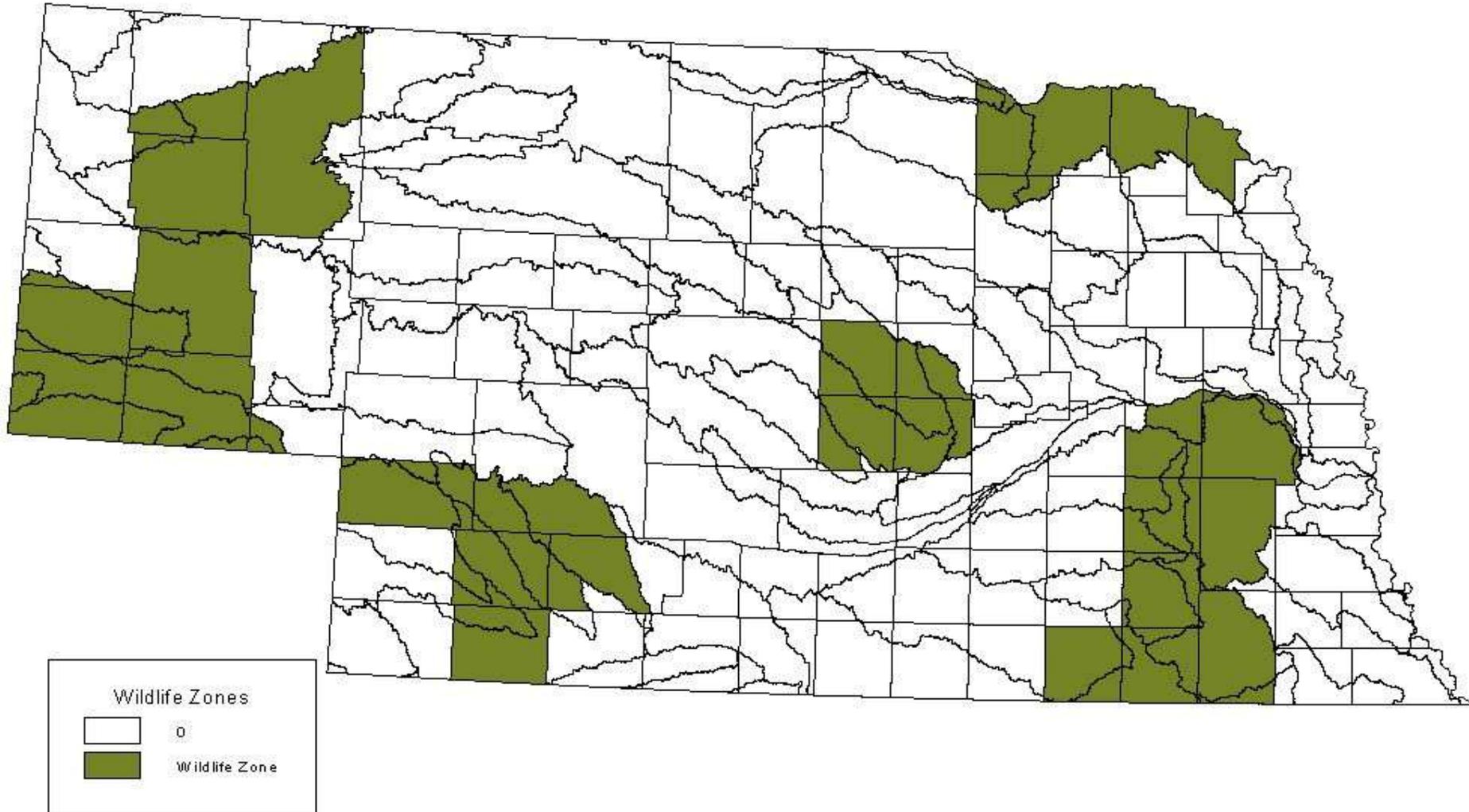


**Rates Reduced**

# CRP SU 45 Preparations

- Conservation Priority Areas and Zones Remain Same
- Work with NRCS Soil Scientist on Soil Updates needed
- Obtain WRP Acres by County from NRCS
- Obtain NRCS job sheets for CRP practices
- Cost Estimates for each practice.

# Nebraska Wildlife Zones CRP 2010



# CRP SU 45 Preparations

- Expiring CRP Letters will be sent to CRP Participants beginning March 4, 2013.

# Continuous CRP Signup

- Signup ended September 30, 2012 when 2008 Farm Bill expired.
- Farm Bill now extended until September 30, 2013
- Waiting on Updated GIS Tools
- Waiting on Updated Soil Rental Rates
- Expectations to resume signup

# Hispanic and Women Farmer and Ranchers

- USDA Program or Loan Denial – 1981 to 2000
- Claim Deadline – March 25, 2013
- 1-888-508-4429 or
- [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov)

# Disaster Relief

- Crop Insurance
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
- CRP Emergency Haying and Grazing
- Emergency Loans
- Emergency Conservation Program
- Emergency Forest Restoration Program

## Pending in Congress Extended but not Funded

- Livestock Forage Program (LFP)
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
- Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP)

# CRP Acres Hayed or Grazed

Total Nebraska land in CRP Acres - September 30, 2012	993,925
Total Acres Hayed or Grazed	316,049 Acres
Managed Hay/Graze	112,289 Acres
Emergency Hay/Graze	203,760 Acres

# CRP Emergency Hay/Graze

Available on Practices CP1, CP2, CP4D, CP10, and CP38E SAFE when either occurs outside primary nesting season:

- 40 percent loss of moisture for 4 full months plus current month
- Designated as 'D2 Drought - Severe' on U. S. Drought Monitor

# U.S. Drought Monitor

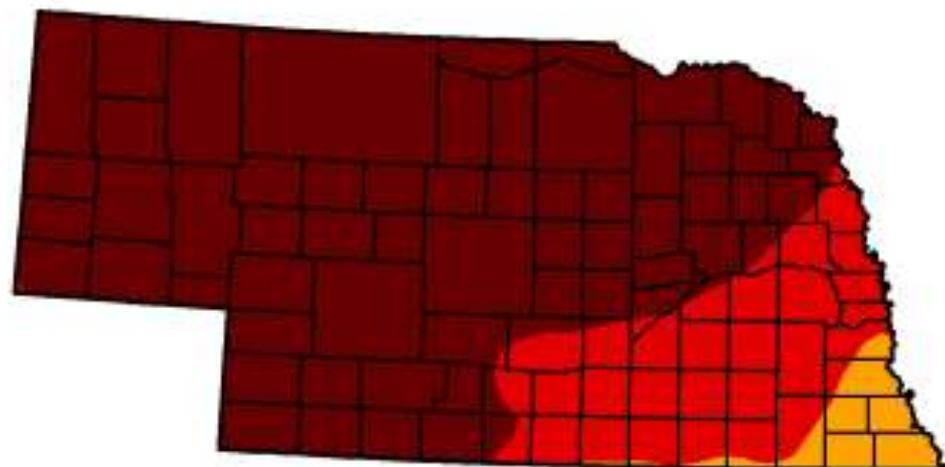
February 26, 2013

Valid 7 a.m. EST

## Nebraska

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	96.10	76.94
Last Week (02/19/2013 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	96.23	77.47
3 Months Ago (11/27/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	96.15	77.46
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2013 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	96.20	77.46
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	97.94	73.25
One Year Ago (02/21/2012 map)	80.83	19.17	3.06	0.03	0.00	0.00



### Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>



Released Thursday, February 28, 2013  
Brian Fuchs, National Drought Mitigation Center

# Emergency Forestry Restoration Program

Nonindustrial Private Forestland, not farmland  
2011 – Requested in Burt, Dakota, Dixon, and  
Thurston Counties for over \$12 million for  
mostly debris removal. No funding received.

2012 – Received request from Brown and Keya  
Paha Counties for EFRP primarily for debris  
removal. No funding received.

# Emergency Conservation Program

2011 – Missouri River Flooding – Received over \$15 million to rehabilitate cropland and pasture along the river.

2012 – Niobrara Fires – Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha Counties – Debris removal, fencing, grading/shaping, and seeding.

Pine Ridge Fires- Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan Counties

Boyd County Fires

Keith and Arthur Counties - Fire

Received \$3.9 Million so far. More funds needed.