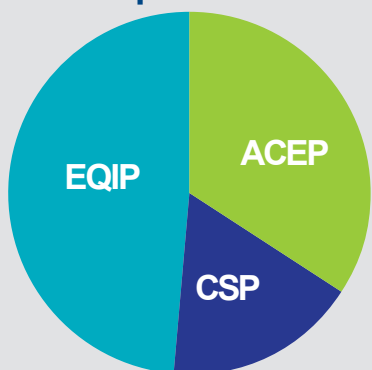


# At-a-Glance

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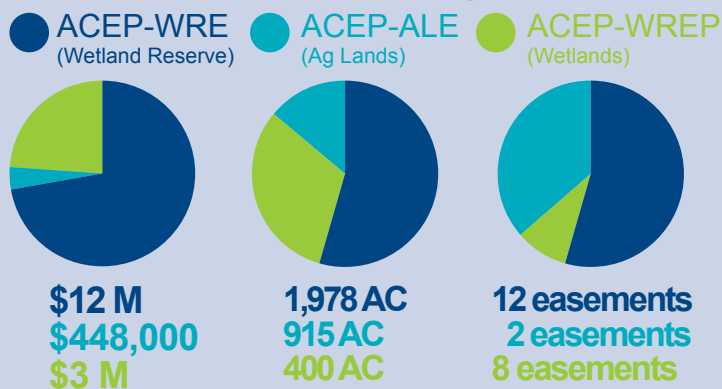


## FY16 Total Program Accomplishments

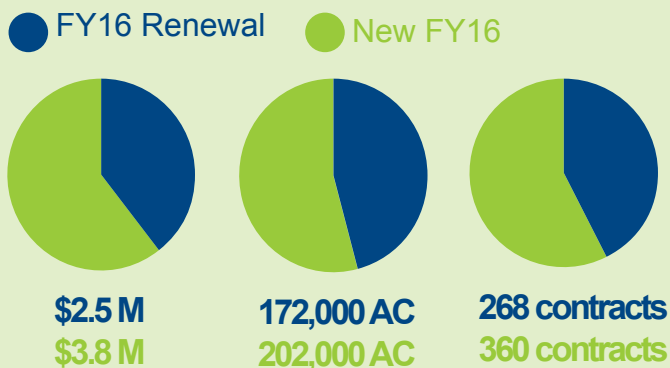


<b>ACEP</b>	<b>\$12.5 M</b>	<b>2,893 AC</b>	<b>22 easements</b>
<b>CSP</b>	<b>\$6.3 M</b>	<b>374,000 AC</b>	<b>628 contracts</b>
<b>EQIP</b>	<b>\$17.7 M</b>	<b>81,000 AC</b>	<b>760 contracts</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36.5 M</b>	<b>458,000 AC</b>	<b>1,410 contracts</b>

## FY16 ACEP- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program



## CSP-Conservation Stewardship Program



## EQIP-Environmental Quality Incentives Program

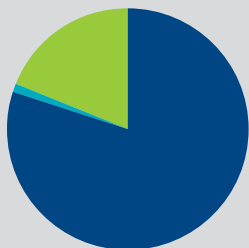
Local Sub Accounts	\$11.5 M	54,000 AC	503 contracts
<b>Total Organic</b>	<b>\$206,000</b>	<b>1,300 AC</b>	<b>20 contracts</b>
Historically Underserved	\$6 M	15,000 AC	189 contracts
NWQI	\$620,200	758 AC	13 contracts
MRBI	\$682,000	9,840 AC	24 contracts
Wildlife	\$728,400	2,740 AC	65 contracts
On Farm Energy	\$1.4 M	5,620 AC	33 contracts
Seasonal High Tunnel	\$311,000	12.5 AC	37 contracts
Prairie Pothole WGRP	\$493,000	2,231 AC	15 contracts

# FY16 RCPP-Regional Conservation Partnership Program

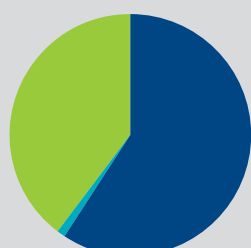
● IA Targeted Demonstration Watershed Project

● Regional Grassland & Bird Grazing Initiative

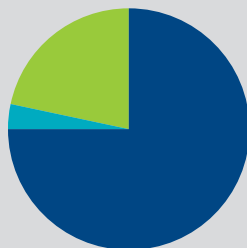
● Middle Cedar Partnership Project



**\$1.28 M**  
\$17,000  
\$300,000



**4,025 AC**  
78 AC  
2,675 AC



**42 contracts**  
2 contracts  
12 contracts

## Selected FY16 RCCP Projects

*Upper Cedar Watershed Urban-Rural Partnership*  
NRCS Funds: \$1.6 M

*Midwest Agriculture Water Quality Partnership*  
NRCS Funds: \$9.5 M

*Improving Working Lands for Monarch Butterflies*  
NRCS Funds: 6 M

Contract work to begin in FY17.

## FY16 Conservation Innovation Grants

NRCS selected three national CIG and six state CIG projects for Iowa in FY16. These grants help improve conservation implementation on ag land.

### National Grants

**Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI):** PFI will test a new model for conservation adoption to increase the number of acres of small grains grown as a third crop in the corn and soybean rotation Model will be tested in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. (\$400,912)

**Prairie Rivers RC&D:** This project will support the research and expansion of the Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework, a land use planning tool that optimizes the placement of conservation practices at the watershed level. The project will focus on two small watersheds which are part of the South Skunk watershed in central Iowa. (\$71,316)

**Women Food and Agriculture Network:** The grant focuses on reaching out to women who inherit land and helping build awareness, understanding and confidence in conservation decision making for their land. (\$533,124)

### State Grants

Iowa NRCS selected five additional state-funded CIG projects for a total of \$325,000. NRCS is currently finalizing project agreements with each of these partners.

**The Nature Conservancy (TNC):** The Iowa Nitrate App: Enhancing the Delivery of the Retain Project (\$33,810)

**The Soap Creek Watershed Management Authority (WMA):** Woodland Health Objective—Gully Erosion (\$75,000)

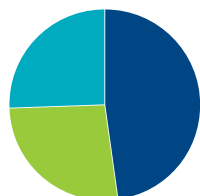
**Iowa Soybean Association (ISA):** Adapting Saturated Buffers with a Sustaining Deep-Rooted Carbon Source (\$73,875)

**Xerces Society:** Demonstrating Insect-Ready Cropping Systems (\$66,922)

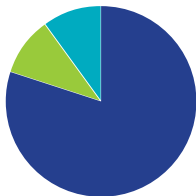
**Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI):** Piloting a Rotationally Raised Corn and Soybean Supply Chain (\$74,465)

## Ongoing Program Workload- Active Contracts, Easements & Acres

● CSP ● EQIP ● Conservation Easements



**2,957 contracts**  
1,654 contracts  
1,573 easements



**1.57 M acres**  
205,400 acres  
176,250 acres



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