



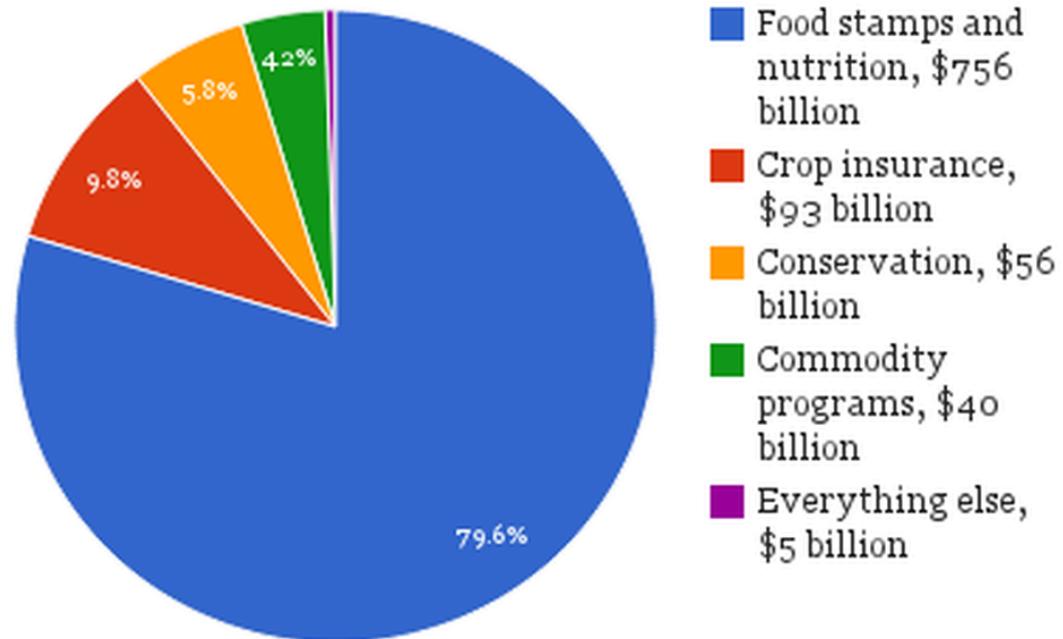
Dairy and Voluntary Conservation

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Title II Farm Bill

What's in the farm bill? (Costs from FY2014-2023)



Key programs: EQIP & CSP

- Largest programs under title II
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- Conservation Stewardship Program
- Both require conservation plans
- Producer “contracts” ranked in order of conservation benefits



Environmental Quality Incentives Program

○\$1.35 billion FY14

○\$1.6 billion FY15

○\$1.65 billion FY16-FY17

○\$1.75 billion FY18

What practices receive cost share?

- Differs by state. Fencing, watering facilities, pasture and hayland planting, for example
- For CAFOs: comprehensive nutrient management plan, storage, treatment and utilization of animal waste



Conservation Stewardship Program

- Funding limits set as an acre cap= 10 million acres
- Payments for good stewardship practices already in place and for two additional conservation enhancements

What practices receive cost share?

- Practices can be “bundled”



Wisconsin dairy farm example

- Installing barnyard sediment basin and waste storage
- Cover crops
- Nutrient management



Key takeaways

- Farm bill conservation dollars are critical to addressing dairy environmental harms and dairy resilience
- But...
- **More funding**
- **More strategic implementation**
- **More Research**