



Farm Bill List Serve

You are cordially invited on behalf of the National Wildlife Federation to join the FarmingforWildlife_USA listserv.

This group's mission is to discuss the conservation programs in the upcoming 2007 federal Farm Bill reauthorization and associated programs.

In our listserv, you will be able to learn more about the success of Farm Bill conservation programs such as the Conservation Reserve and Wetland Reserve programs. You will also learn about what is at-stake for conservation, the status of the legislative negotiations, and ways the public's voice can influence critical outcomes for wildlife, wetland, and the landscapes you cherish.

With your participation Farming For Wildlife_USA will:

- ◆ let you exchange information with other Americans regarding their experiences and goals for one of the most important land and wildlife conservation programs in the nation;
- ◆ give you the tools to understand what is at stake with Farm Bill reauthorization for landowners, wildlife, conservation, and outdoors pursuits;
- ◆ provide you up-to-date information on the issues being considered by the Congressional committees, and the Senate and House members from your state; and
- ◆ let you know when to take action to ensure that key conservation programs are renewed in the coming months.

The National Wildlife Federation is a major supporter of the conservation features of the Farm Bill, and we need your help to maintain the benefits of this importance legislation.

Did you know ...

- ◆ that nationwide over 40 million acres of private land have been conserved as wildlife habitat due to the success of the federal Farm Bill?
- ◆ that the Farm Bill needs to be reauthorized by Congress in 2007 or will expire?

Do you want to learn more about how to keep the next Farm Bill and similar private-lands programs strong for wildlife, wetlands, and a healthier environment?

In the United States, there are over 2 billion acres of farmland in production and millions of acres are lost to urban development each year, making it essential our nation take action to conserve and restore habitat and farmlands for the health and well-being of wildlife and humans. When we do, not only wildlife, but also our communities benefit. Farmers and ranchers have utilized programs funded by the Farm Bill to do their part in protecting private land for the sake of the nation's wildlife, clean water and productive soils.

There are an array of programs that are funded through this important legislation, and at least one (if not all) relate directly to you.

For instance, wetlands are essential for reducing flooding and preventing harmful pollutants from entering lakes and streams- protecting water quality is one of the highest priorities of these programs. Also, consider that one-third of all bird species and 5,000 plant species depend on healthy wetlands for their survival.

Hunters go afield to harvest game that is produced in abundance on healthy lands. It is estimated that more than 27 million additional ducks have been produced in nesting habitats created by the federal Conservation Reserve Program. Likewise, many populations of upland wildlife like turkey, grouse, pheasant, and big game like white-tailed deer have dramatically increased because of these programs.

You can make a difference by becoming informed about benefits to wildlife, wetlands, and communities by joining the National Wildlife Federation's FarmingforWildlife_USA listserv.

Just go to: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FarmingforWildlife_USA and select "Join this Group". You will need to take some simple steps to set up a free Yahoo account, and then your membership request will be approved by the group moderator. OR you can send a quick email to nrintern3@nwf.org and you will be automatically added to the group and will begin receiving emails.

Facts and Figures come from the following sources:

- ◆ Economic Research Service, USDA, <http://www.ers.usda.gov>
- ◆ Farmland Information Center, <http://www.farmlandinfo.org>

This group is informational only, and does not require membership with the National Wildlife Federation. It is being established solely as a forum for education and discussion about the Farm Bill and related programs, and your participation will not be used for any other purpose.