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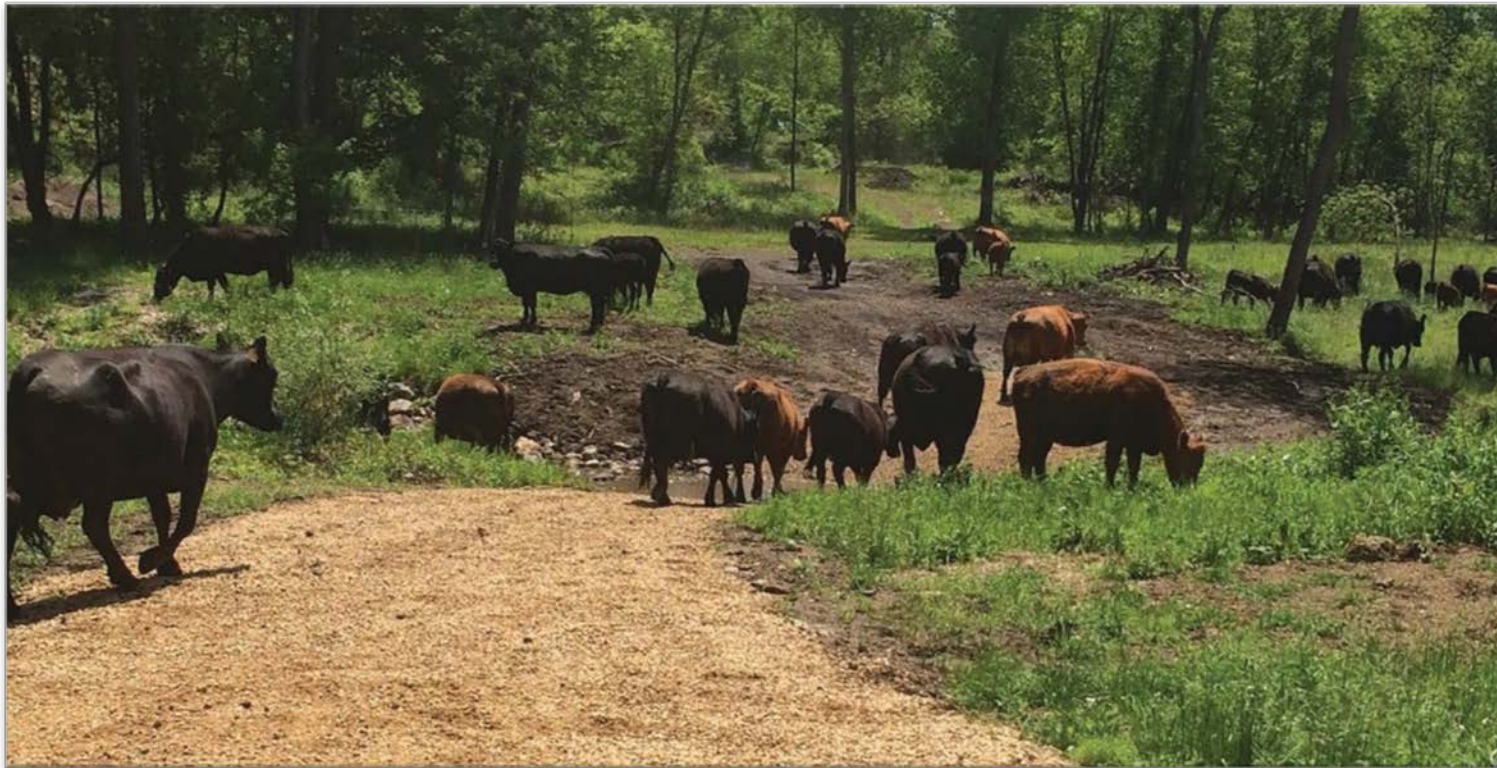
*John White, Acting State Resource
Conservationist*



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Voluntary Conservation on Private Lands



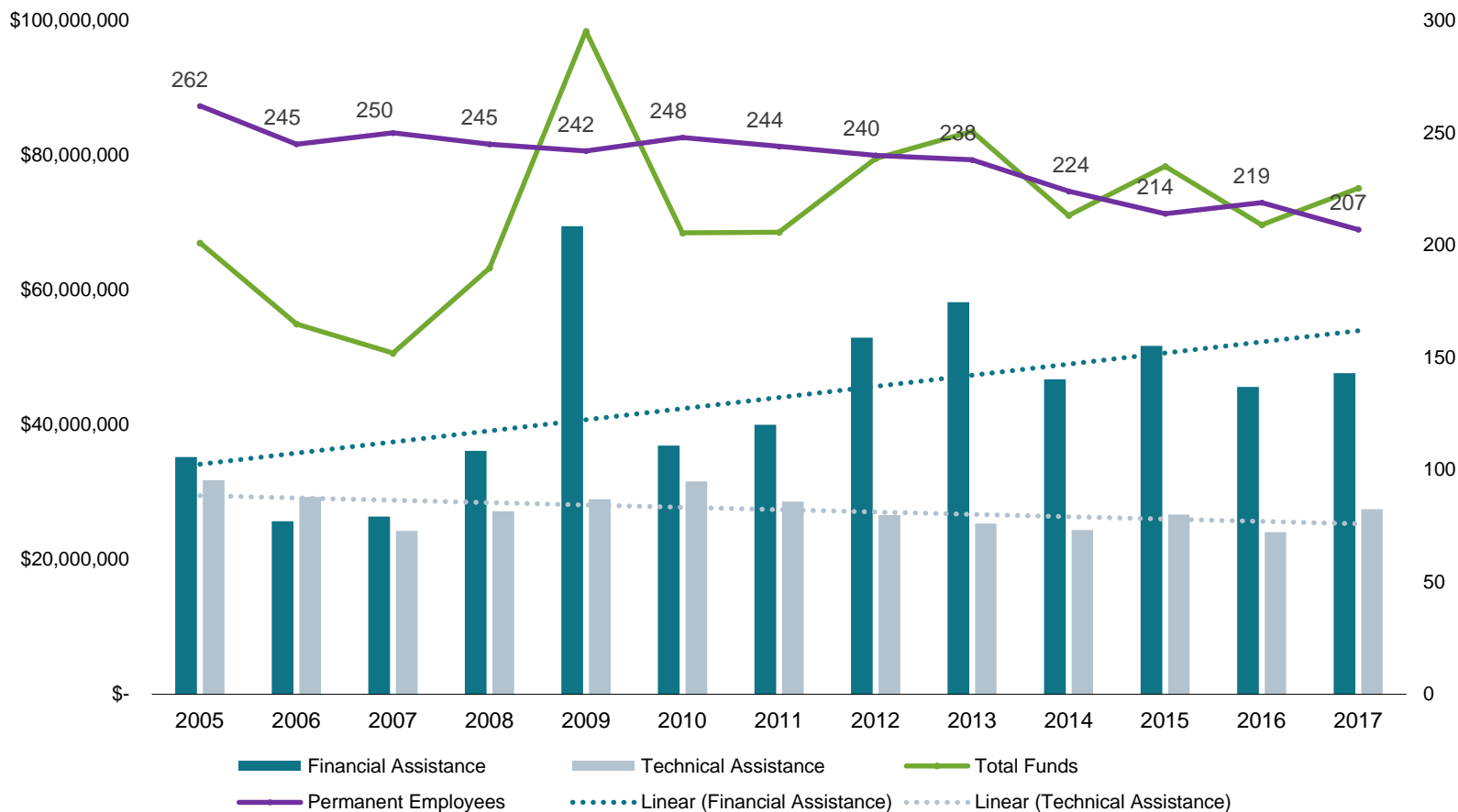
Private lands account for 70 percent of the total land in the United States, 80 percent in Wisconsin.

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NRCS Wisconsin Funding



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Conservation Performance Results

- **2,099 Conservation Plans written on 283,060 acres**
- **39 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans written**
- **1,200 acres of wetlands created, restored or enhanced**
- **373,461 with conservation applied to improve water quality**
- **327,272 acres of cropland with conservation applied to improve soil quality**



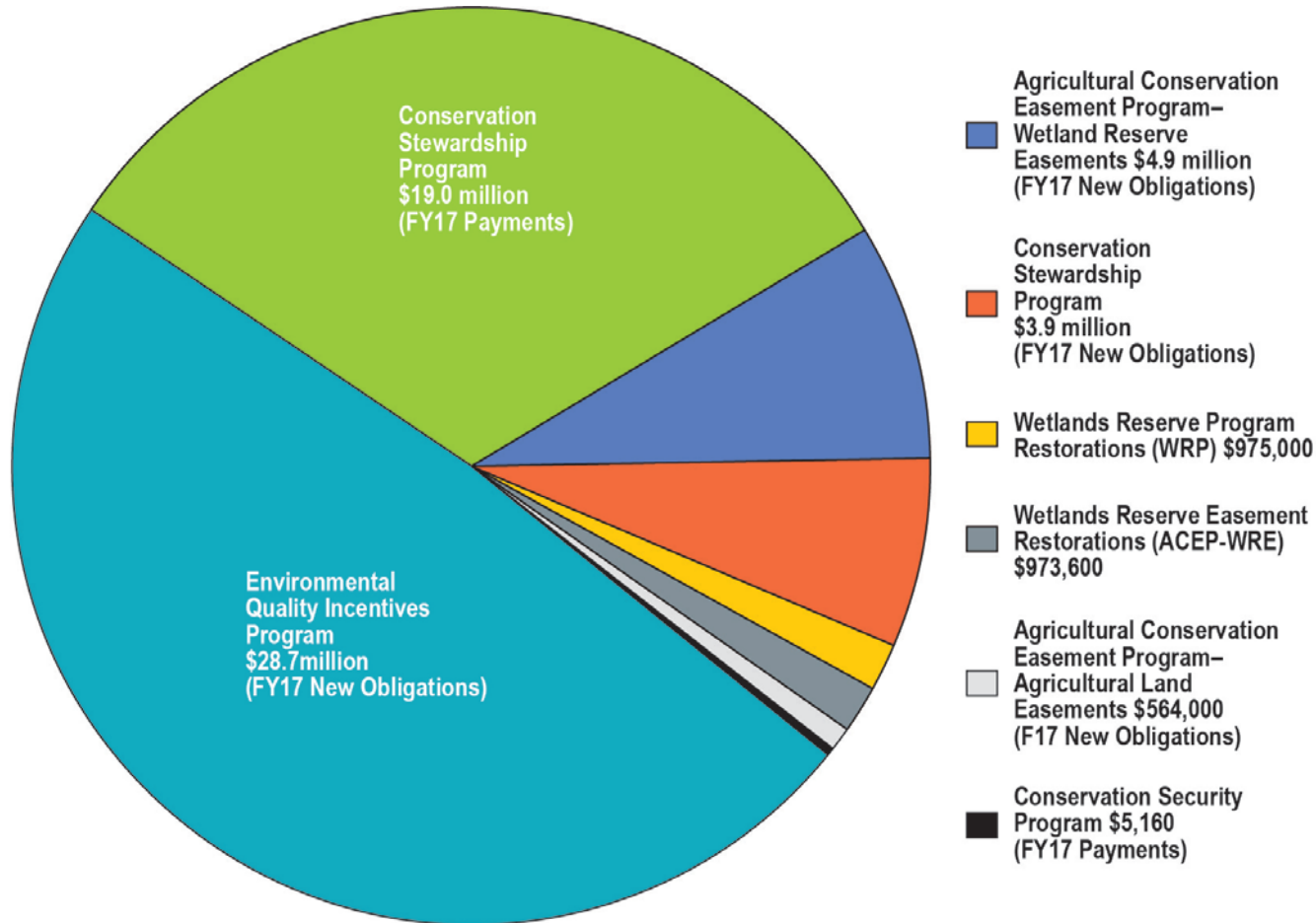
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FY17 NRCS Wisconsin Program Dollars



\$45.6 Million Provided Through Conservation Programs



Environmental Quality Incentives Program

- **On-Farm Energy:** \$1.3 million in 44 contracts covering 2,853 acres
- **Organic:** \$209,209 in 22 contracts covering 1,696 acres
- **High Tunnel Systems:** \$610,521 in 68 contracts covering 135 acres
- **Soil Health Initiative:** \$2.0 million in 43 contracts covering 12,418 acres
- **Conservation Activity Plan:** \$790,583 in 215 contracts covering 23,288 acres
- **New and Beginning Farmers:** \$4.2 million in 317 contracts covering 13,853 acres
- **Social Disadvantage Groups:** \$1.2 million in 21 contracts covering 2,896 acres

**Provided \$28.7 million in financial assistance,
1,364 contracts and 120,588 acres through EQIP.**



Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Top 5 EQIP obligated practices by financial investment

- 1. Cover crop**
- 2. Waste storage facility**
- 3. Streambank and shoreline protection**
- 4. Fence**
- 5. Lighting system improvements**

Top 5 EQIP obligated practices by practice count

- 1. Cover crop**
- 2. Prescribed grazing**
- 3. Fence**
- 4. Mulching**
- 5. Grassed waterway**

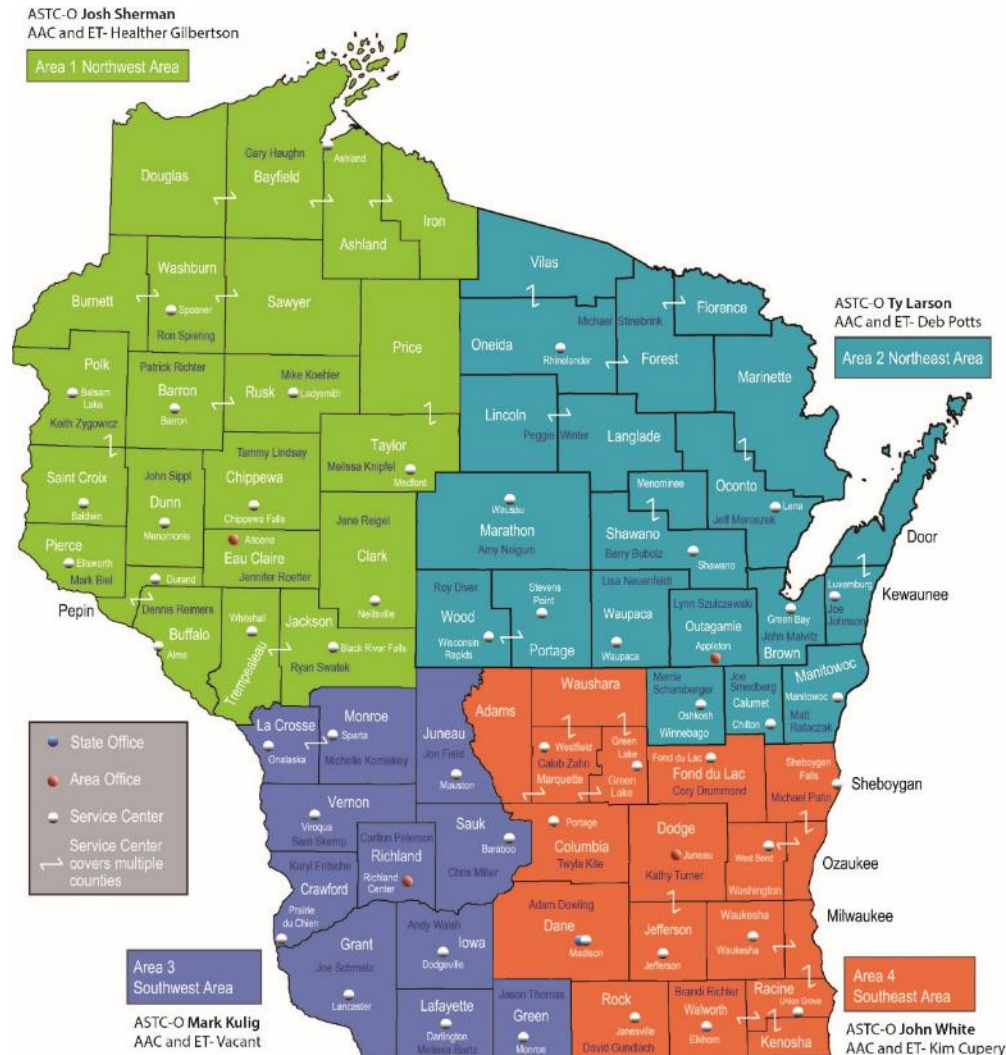


Highlighting Other Programs and Initiatives

- **Conservation Stewardship Program: 449 new contracts and 296 renewal contracts, \$3.9 million in FA and 251,463 acres enrolled.**
- **Regional Conservation Partnership Program: Eight active RCPP projects on 12,266 acres for \$2.7 million.**
- **Easement Programs**
 - Wetland Reserve Easements: \$4.9 million in 8 agreements covering 991 acres
 - Agricultural Land Easements: \$564,875 in 3 easements covering 350 acres
- **Landscape Initiatives**
 - Honey Bee Pollinator Initiative: \$635,953 in 59 contracts covering 1,222 acres
 - Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative: \$2.5 million in 69 EQIP contracts covering 6,841 acres
 - National Water Quality Initiative: \$576,951 in 19 EQIP contracts covering 2,924 acres
 - Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: Door-Kewaunee and Lower Fox Demo Farms, obligated \$4.5 million in 54 contracts covering 10,514 acres.



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