USDA BUFFER PROGRAMS
2002 FARM BILL

CRP BUFFER PRACTICES
- Filter strips
- Forested riparian buffer
- Shallow water areas for wildlife
- Wetland restoration
- Farmable Wetland pilot wetland
- Farmable Wetland pilot wetland buffer
- Bottomland timber establishment on wetlands

Filter Strip
- Remove concentrated flow points
- Pass >50% of runoff as sheet flow
- Width 20 – 120 feet
- Increase width with slope, DA, high runoff soils
- Restricted haying/grazing allowed
Forested Riparian Buffer

- 3 zones
- Zone 1 – 15 feet – Shrubs/trees
  - bank stability
  - rapid growth
  - low blockage risk
- Zone 2 – 20 feet – Trees; 3 species
- Zone 3 – Native grass filter strip

Shallow Water Areas

- 10 acre limit per tract
- Native grass buffer around waterline
- Impound for at least six months
- Average depth of 6-18 inches

Wetland Restoration

- PC or FW acres
- <3:1 upland buffer
- Either grassland or forested ecosystem
  (landowner decides)
Farmable Wetland Pilot

- PC or FW
- Offered area 10 acres or less
- Enrolled acres 5 acres or less
- Area outside the 100 year floodplain and not on NWI

Bottomland Timber Establishment

- Reforestation in 100 year floodplain
- Does not have to be hydric soil
- Min. 3 mast producing hardwoods

WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- WETLAND RESTORATION
  PC ACRES

- WETLAND CREATION
  CLASS IIW OR IIIW SOILS
- 75% COST SHARE
- LEVEE CONSTRUCTION
- WATER CONTROL STRUCTURES
- REFORESTATION
- NATIVE GRASS ESTABLISHMENT

**WETLAND RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**
- NEW PROGRAM IN 2004
- MODELED AFTER CREP
- DESIGNED TO FORM PARTNERSHIPS
- RESTORATION ON NEW PROJECTS
- ENHANCEMENT ON PRIOR PROJECTS
- ASSISTANCE WITH EASEMENT MGT.

In 2005, $4 million available with special funds for Bog Turtle and Ivory Billed Woodpecker.