



“Our Mission is to Research, Develop and Promote profitable, ecologically sound, and community-enhancing approaches to agriculture.”





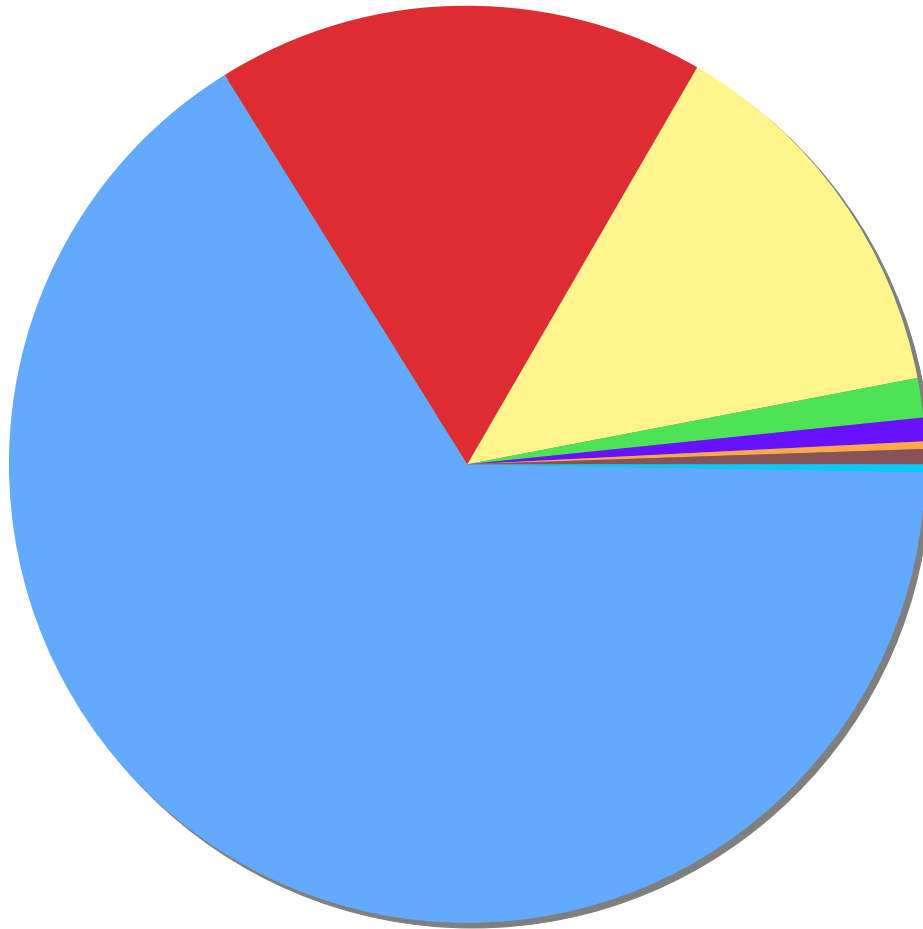
- Established in 1985
- Non-profit member organization
- Over 1500 members: $\frac{3}{4}$ are farmers
- Office located in Ames, IA

Farmer board of directors —

Run by farmers and for farmers

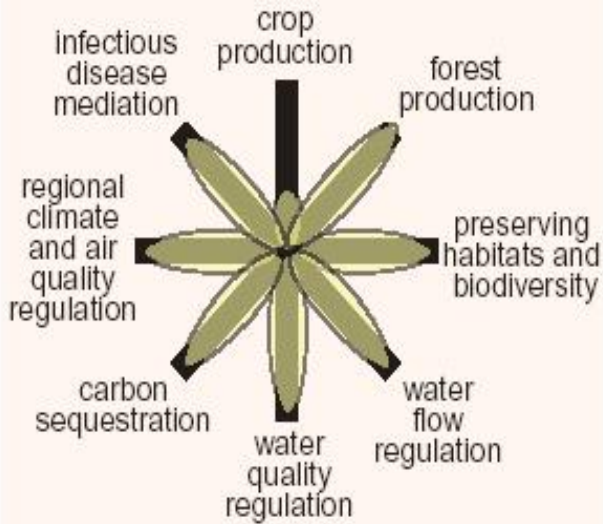


Iowa Farm Subsidies 1995-2009



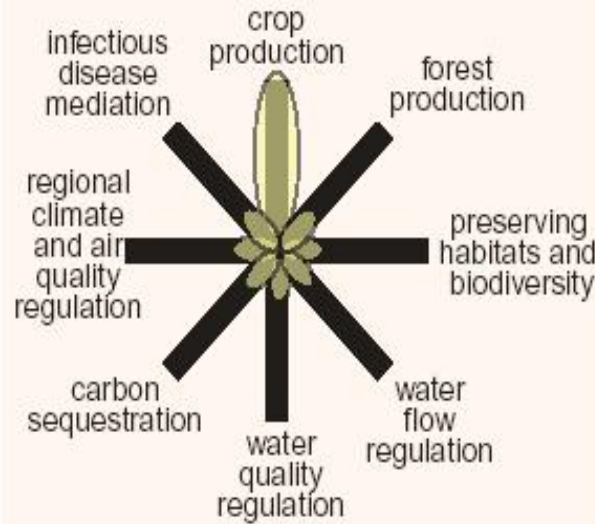
- Corn
- Soybean
- CRP
- Disaster Payments
- Dairy Program
- EQIP
- Livestock
- Wheat
- WRP
- Oat

Natural Ecosystem



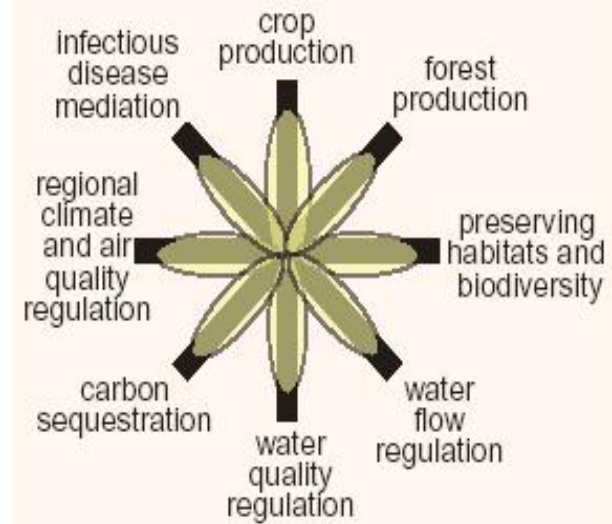
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Industrial Farming



intensive cropland

Stewardship Farming



cropland with restored ecosystem services

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What is Stewardship farming?

--providing more than ***bushels per acre***

Multiple Benefits

- Provide habitat
- Clean water
- Produce nutritious, healthful food
- Manage flooding
- Increase diversity (animals, plants and species)





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