

**TOTAL PROPOSED FARM BILL CONSERVATION TITLE CUTS
PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE FOR FY 2005**

(\$ millions)

Program	2002 Farm Bill FY 05 Level	House Ag Appropriations Subco. Bill FY 05 Level	\$ Cut	Technical Assistance “Donation”¹	Total Cut Compared to Farm Bill Enacted Level	Percentage Cut Compared to Farm Bill Enacted Level
EQIP	\$1,200	limited to \$1,010	\$190	\$74	\$264	22%
GSWC	\$60	no limitation - \$60	\$0	n/a	0	n/a
FRPP	\$125	limited to \$112	\$13	\$7	\$20	16%
WHIP	\$85	limited to \$60	\$25	\$5	\$30	35%
WRP	\$369 ²	limited to \$258	\$111	n/a	\$111	30%
GRP	\$82 ³	no limitation - \$82	\$0	\$6	\$6	7%
CSP	uncapped - \$282 ⁴	capped - \$194	\$88	n/a	\$88	31%
TOTAL	\$2,203	\$1,776	\$427	\$92	\$520	24%

¹ The Administration currently requires four programs – EQIP, FRPP, WHIP, and GRP – to donate funding to pay for technical assistance costs for the CRP, WRP, and GSWC, based on its legal ruling that the 2002 farm bill did not permit direct CCC funding for these expenses. The pending FY 05 Budget Resolution would direct the Congressional Budget Office to score technical assistance for CRP, WRP, and GSWC based on the congressional interpretation of the 2002 farm bill decision mandating those costs to be borne by the CCC. With that directed score, the Agriculture Committees could then rewrite the law to clarify this 2002 decision without needing an offset, and the funds would be taken from the CCC, as Congress intended. The budget resolution, however, appears unlikely to pass the Senate, and without passage the language requiring the direct scoring will not become effective. This inaction on the budget returns the problem to the appropriations committees, but the House Subcommittee bill takes no action either. The result, if it becomes law, would be to continue the “donation” system. The Administration estimates the total donation needed for FY 05 is \$92 million. The chart assumes that these funds are drawn from the underlying programs in proportion to their total funding.

² The farm bill and the appropriations bill address the WRP in terms of acreage. The farm bill level is 250,000 acres per year. The FY 05 House subcommittee bill limits the program to 175,000 acres. This chart translates these acreage caps into dollars, using the Administration’s budget estimates.

³ The 2002 farm bill caps the GRP at \$254 million in total from FY 02 through FY 11. The Administration estimates it will have already spent \$139 million through FY 04, and projects to spend another \$82 million in FY 05.

⁴ The CSP was enacted in the 2002 farm bill as an uncapped entitlement. The Congressional Budget Office estimate for the program in FY 05 as an uncapped entitlement is \$282 million.