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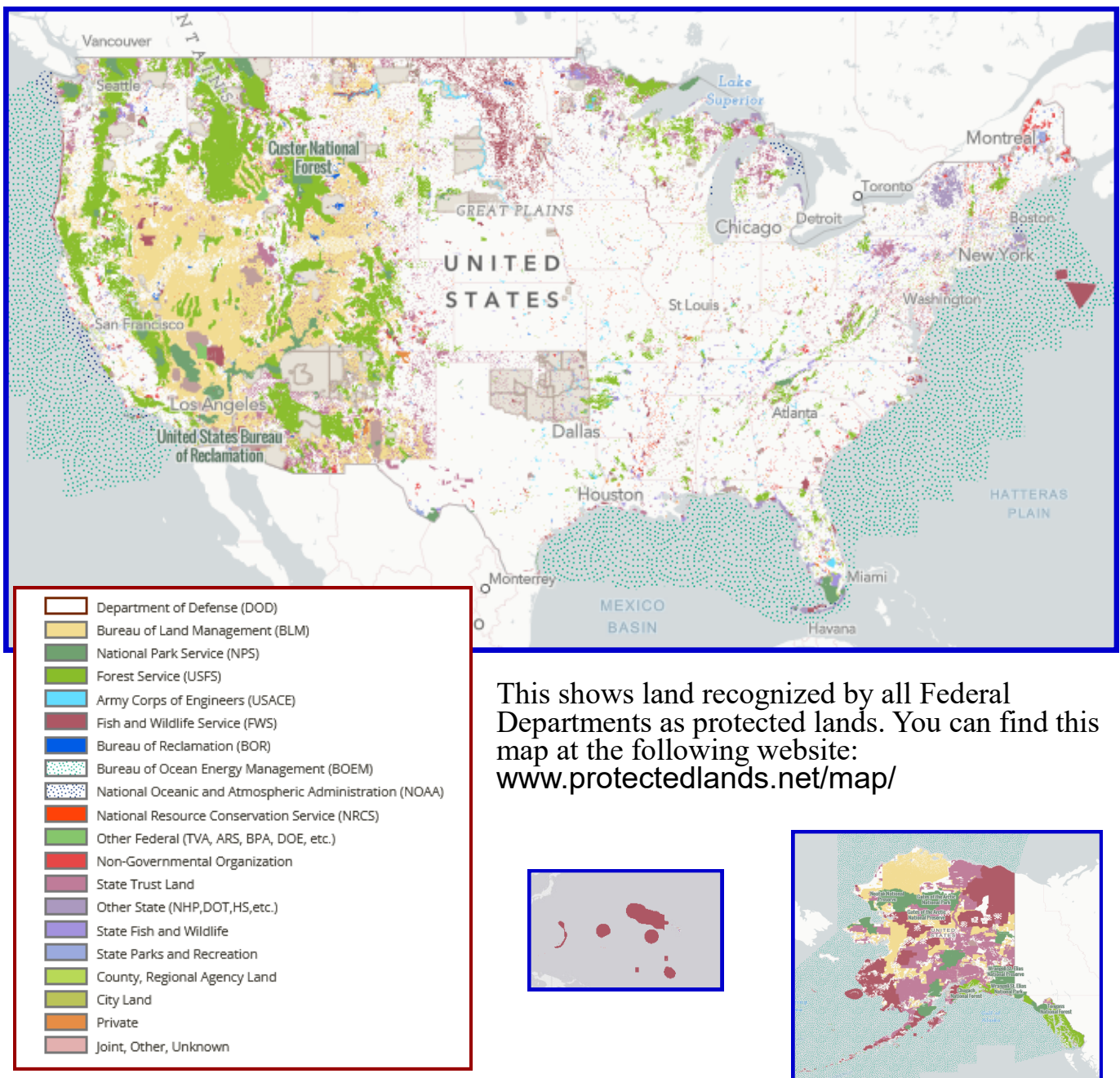
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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

The following maps are produced by U.S. federal departments. These maps can be found on the internet in the public domain. The maps are the most important reason why the states must get together for a Convention. I want you to think about the cost of your last trip to the grocery store while viewing these maps....

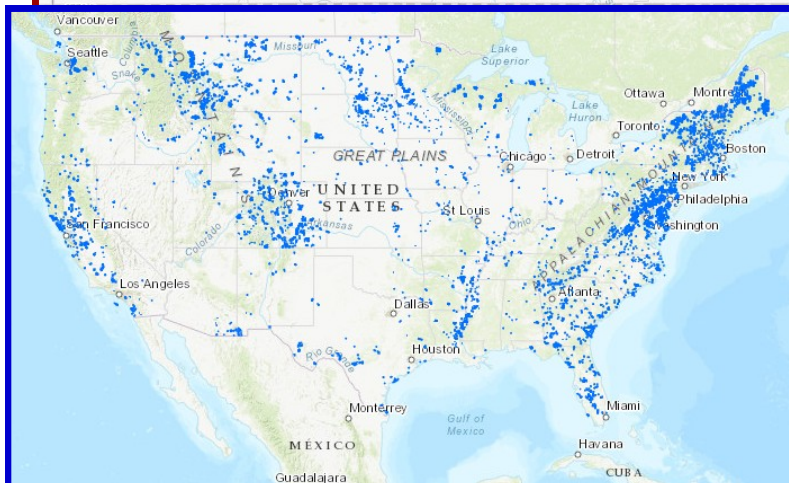
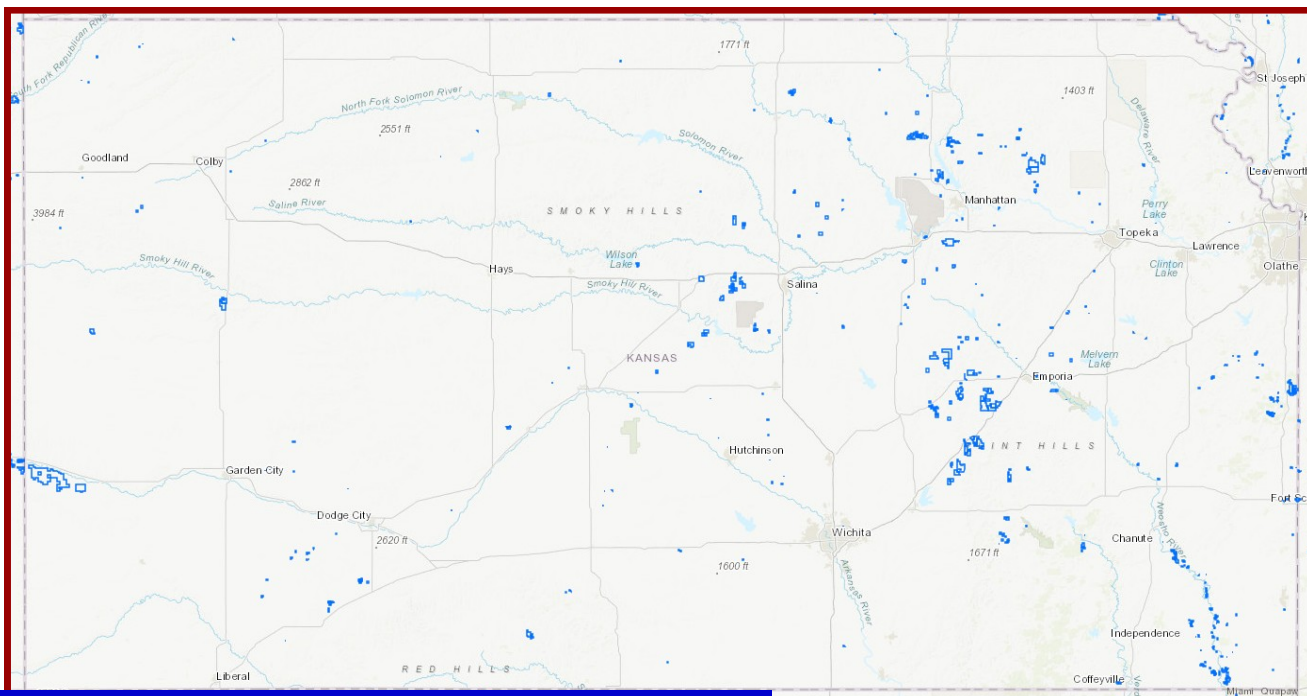




The previous maps on page one, like the map below, are interactive maps available on the public domain. Interactive maps allow you to scroll into your county and neighborhood.

The map below shows federally recognized perpetual Conservation Easements (CEs) on **private property**. It accounts for 40-60% of the total perpetual CE in the U.S. I have scrolled in on the state of Kansas.

Focus for a moment on the concentrated areas of perpetual CE in the boundaries of Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area in eastern KS, and around Tallgrass National Prairie Preserve. The Prairie Preserve is located in the Flint Hills, which is in the Federal Fish and Wildlife Program called the Flint Hills Legacy Program. That program requires Flint Hills lands to be enrolled in perpetual Conservation Easements. Note: The National Park Service only owns 32 acres of the Tallgrass National Prairie Preserve. The Nature Conservancy owns 10,862 acres as well as the CEs around the Preserve.

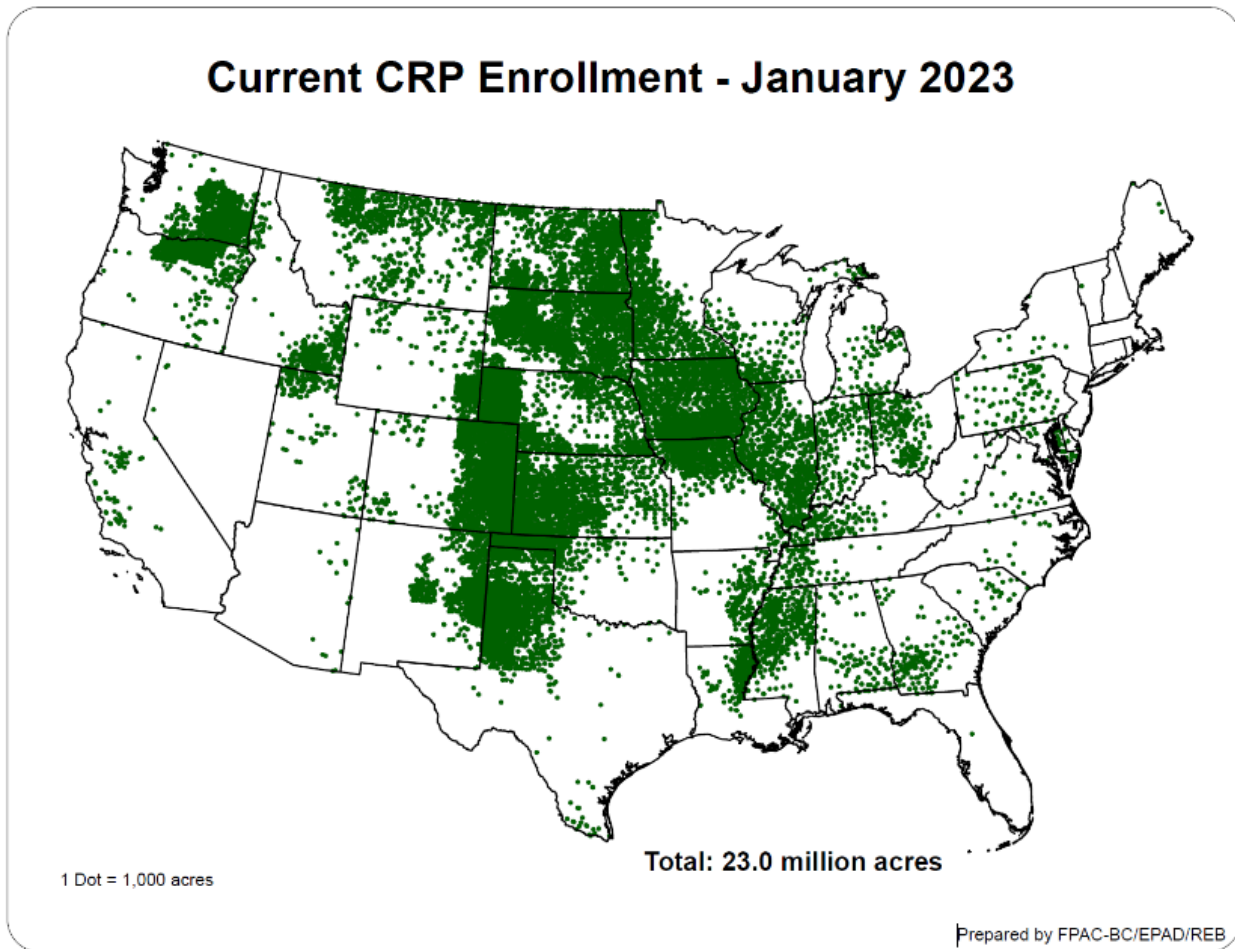


You will find this map on the following website:
[site.tplgis.org/NCED/interactive map/](http://site.tplgis.org/NCED/interactive%20map/)



The following map is of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). This map covers all *private property* enrolled in various forms of CRP. Each green dot on the map equals 1,000 acres in CRP. You can find this map at the following website location:

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Conservation/PDF/Summary%20January%202023%20CRPMonthly.pdf>



Thinking back to your last trip to the grocery store, did you find everything you were looking for? Were the products you purchased produced in your county? Could they be?

When considering all of these maps together, is food production an important policy to the federal government? Should it be?

Most importantly, how bad does food production policies have to get before overcoming fears of Article V of our Constitution?

Sincerely,

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