

Censky Testifies Before Congress

Yesterday, USDA Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky appeared before the Senate Agriculture Committee to provide an update on the implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill. Pro Farmer's Jim Wiesemeyer offered a few highlights of the hearing in addition to Censky's assurances that 15 billion gallons of conventional ethanol will be blended annually with the nation's fuel mix: In regard to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Censky noted, "My understanding is that this year so far, we've only enrolled about 700,000 new acres and we are already 1.6 million acres below the 24 million cap." While continuous signup for CRP is already open, Censky said USDA remains on track to open general CRP signup this December, which he said is likely to be "the largest signup ever."

Censky also noted if a producer is not in a county with an active disaster declaration but live in one adjacent, they can still apply for aid. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees will consider the applications and determine whether the individual farmer is eligible for assistance. Read the full report from Wiesemeyer [here](#) or watch the hearing [here](#).

