## NRCS Activities and Perspectives about Monarchs

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- NRCS focuses on the resource concerns of inadequate habitat for invertebrates and mainly uses these primary practices:
  - 327 (Conservation Cover)
  - 420 (Wildlife Planting)
  - 386 (Field Border)
  - 512 (Pasture Planting)
- For monarchs, in each year of the 2018 Farm Bill, the agency has applied an average of:
  - \$3M
  - with 4,500 producers
  - on 175,000 acres
- Farm Bill funds from the EQIP and CSP programs is the main source of funding.
  - There is a focus on working with urban groups, historically underserved customers, and new partners.
- The agency works with Federal, state, local and NGOs in partnership to increase outreach, education, technical capacity, planning and implementation.
- Agency focus in on species recovery, habitat enhancement and balancing the needs of the Ag community in a changing natural and regulatory environment.

