

Kansas Conservation Coalition

- Audubon of Kansas
- Ark River Coalition
- Ducks Unlimited
- Friends of the Kaw
- Grassland Heritage Foundation
- Homerun Outfitters & Taxidermy
- Jayhawk Audubon Society
- Kansas B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation
- Kansas Bowhunters Association
- Kansas Chapter The Wildlife Society
- Kansas Farmers Union
- Kansas Forest Service
- Kansas Natural Resource Council
- Kansas Rural Center,
- Kansas Sierra Club
- Kansas State Rifle Association
- Kansas Wildlife Federation
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Partners for Conservation
- Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors, Inc
- Playa Lakes Joint Venture
- Quail & Upland Wildlife Federation
- Tallgrass Legacy Alliance
- The Nature Conservancy in Kansas

KCC mission

- Ensure that the Farm Bill delivers effective conservation programs that maintain and enhance working farms and ranches, restore and protect the health of Kansas' diverse natural resources, address priority wildlife habitat needs and support sustainable rural communities.

Federal Farm Bill

- The Farm Bill is the single most important piece of legislation for Americans concerned about food, water, habitat, and land conservation
- Has great influence on how production lands are managed



KCC Farm Bill Priorities

- **Maintain success and baseline funding of proven programs.**
- **Prevent conversion of native habitats.**
- **Protect the ecological integrity of working lands.**
- **Support provisions that provide increased societal benefits in the Conservation Title of the Farm Bill.**

If USDA conservation programs did not exist:

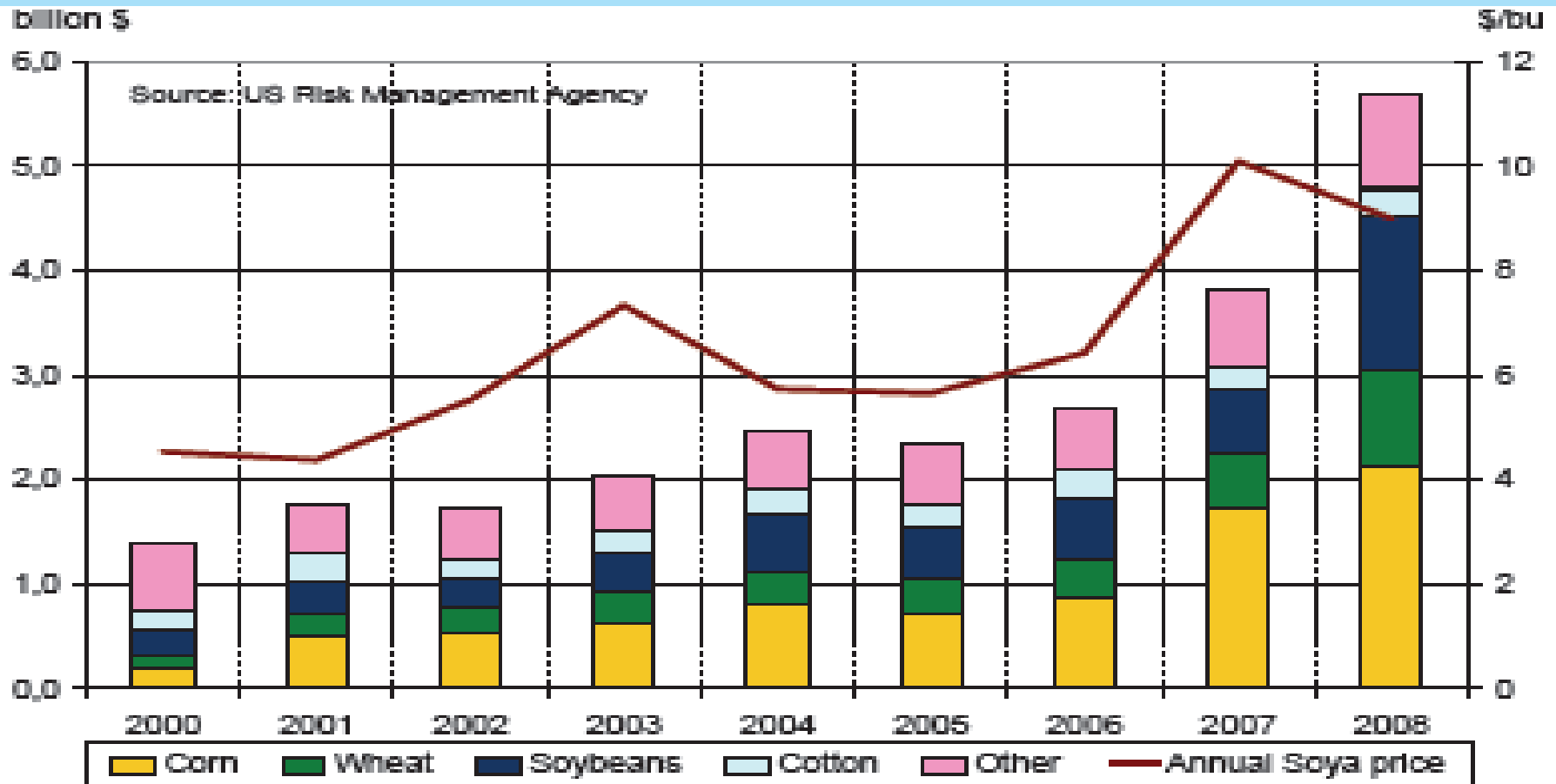
- ▶ 450 million tons of topsoil lost every year
- ▶ 170,000 miles of unprotected streams
- ▶ 48 million more tons of carbon dioxide
- ▶ 40 million fewer acres of wildlife habitat
- ▶ 2.2 million fewer ducks

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

- USDA's most successful conservation program
- current authorized level 32 million acres
- \$122.8 million dollars of payments went to Kansas CRP participants in 2009
- expansion of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken, a species headed for extinction
- Continuous practices provide great benefits for enrolling small critical tracts
- Possible shift to long term with limited use

Crop insurance expanding rapidly

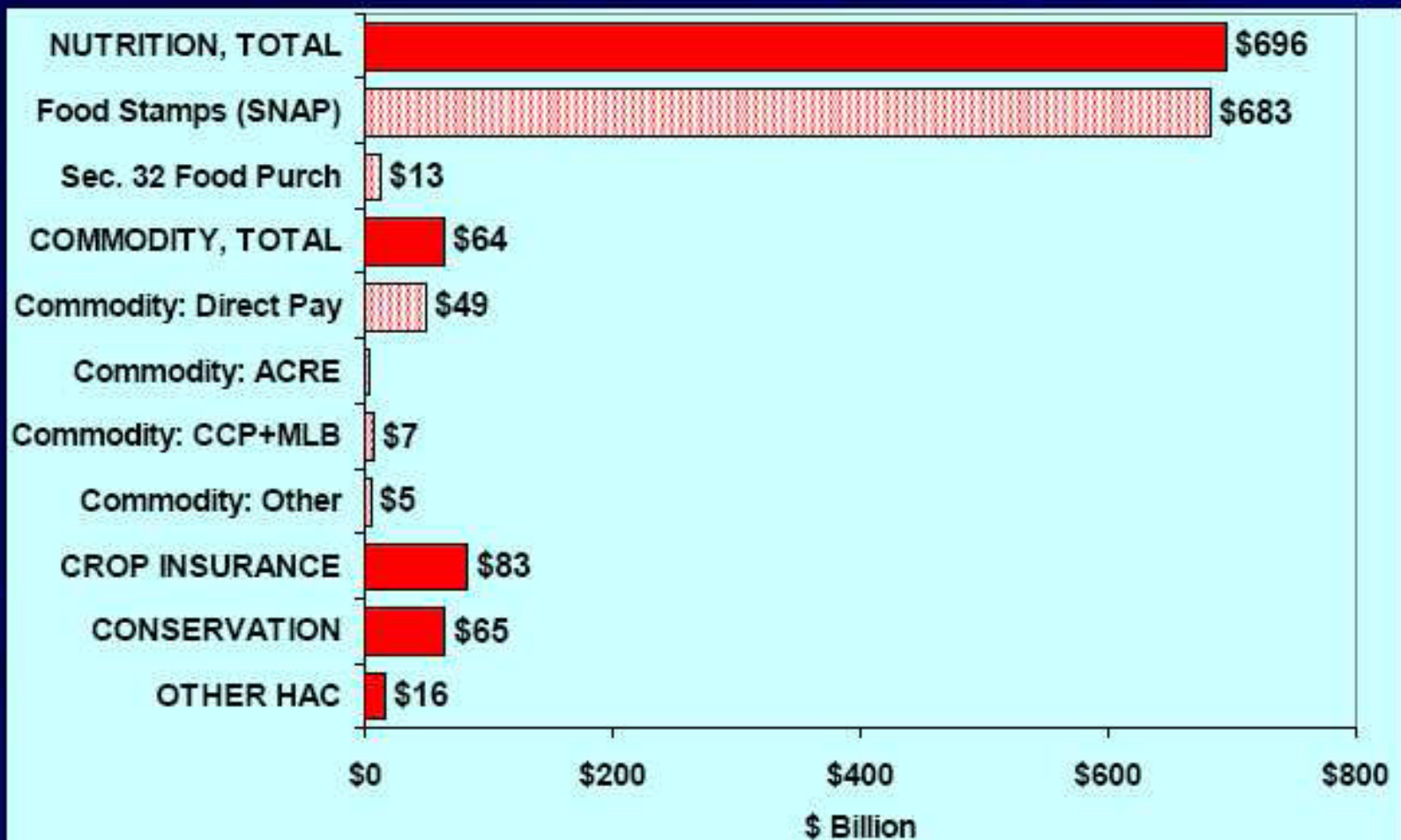
Graph 3: Crop Insurance Expenditure



CBO budget next 10 years

The House Ag Committee's \$924 Billion Projected 10-Year Budget: \$ Billion by Program.

HAC Rackup of CBO March 2010 Baseline: FY 2011-20 Budget Auth.

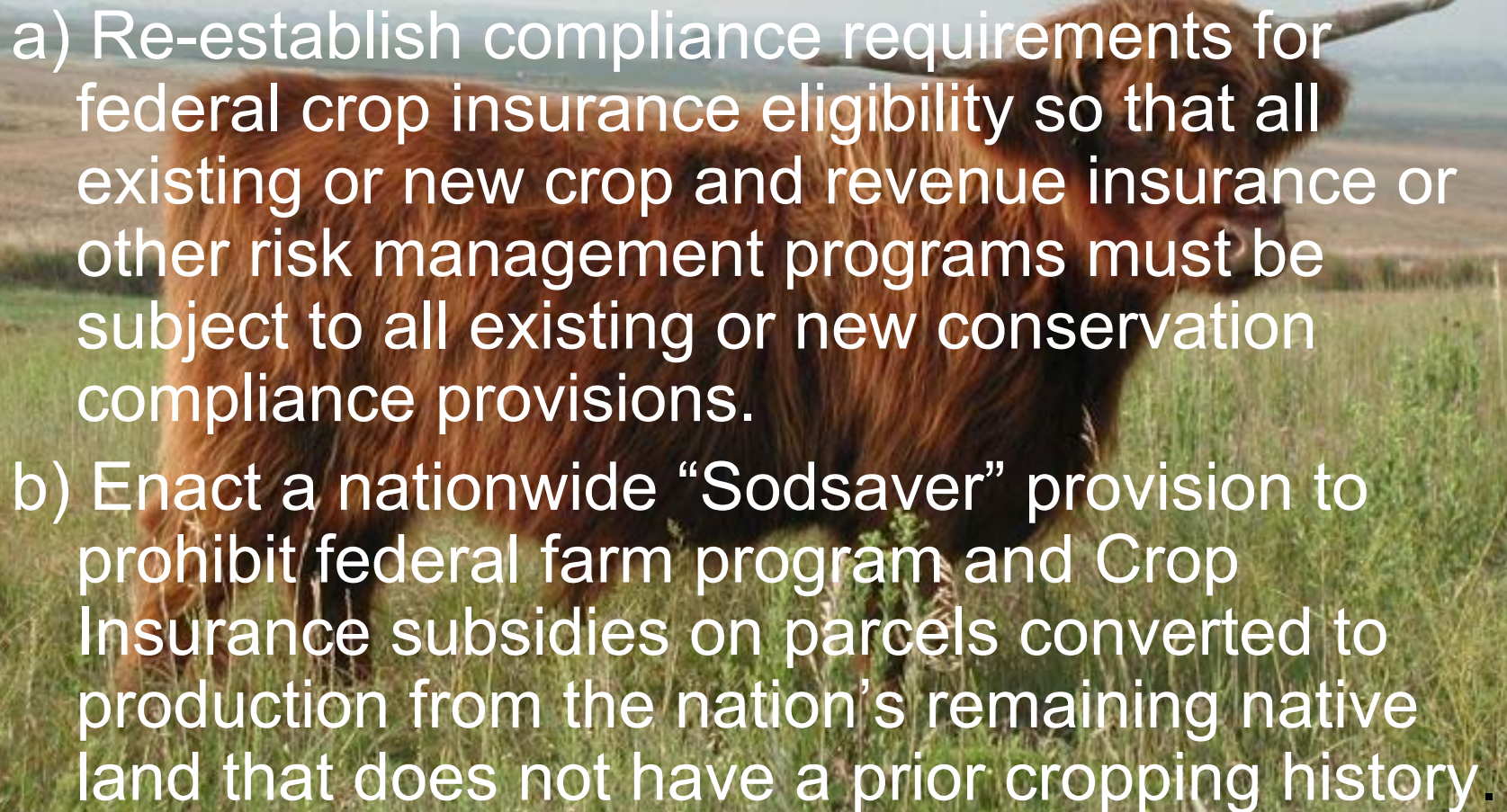


Crop insurance issues

- Subsidized insurance can provide an inherent incentive for risky production
- Encourage marginal land placed in crop production
- compliance mechanisms are a necessity for all crop-insurance/risk-management programs



Conservation Compliance/Sodbuster

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- a) Re-establish compliance requirements for federal crop insurance eligibility so that all existing or new crop and revenue insurance or other risk management programs must be subject to all existing or new conservation compliance provisions.
 - b) Enact a nationwide “Sodsaver” provision to prohibit federal farm program and Crop Insurance subsidies on parcels converted to production from the nation’s remaining native land that does not have a prior cropping history.

Private Land Importance

**98% of kansas is private land -
most in agricultural production**

- Crop 60%

- Grass 40%

