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- \$261.9 *billion* in subsidies 1995-2010.
  - \$167.3 *billion* in commodity subsidies.
  - \$39.2 *billion* in crop insurance subsidies.
  - \$35.0 *billion* in conservation subsidies.
  - \$20.5 *billion* in disaster subsidies.
- [Top Commodity Recipients 1995-2010](#)
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- 62 percent of farmers in United States did not collect subsidy payments - according to [USDA](#).
- *Ten percent* collected 74 percent of all subsidies.
- Amounting to \$165.9 *billion* over 16 years.
- Top 10%: \$30,751 average per year between 1995 and 2010.
- Bottom 80%: \$587 average per year between 1995 and 2010.

Average annual payments

Top 10% Bottom 80%



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Top programs in the United States, 1995-2010:

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Rank	Program (click for top recipients, payment concentration and regional rankings)	Number of Recipients 1995-2010	Subsidy Total 1995-2010
1	<a href="#">Corn Subsidies**</a>	1,641,611**	\$77,123,770,222
2	<a href="#">Wheat Subsidies**</a>	1,375,746**	\$32,373,080,169
3	<a href="#">Cotton Subsidies**</a>	264,947**	\$31,009,614,843
4	<a href="#">Conservation Reserve Program</a>	879,641	\$27,885,392,216
5	<a href="#">Soybean Subsidies**</a>	1,044,933**	\$24,285,436,252
6	<a href="#">Disaster Payments</a>	1,362,757	\$20,462,782,856
7	<a href="#">Rice Subsidies**</a>	70,033**	\$12,920,657,299
8	<a href="#">Sorghum Subsidies**</a>	615,807**	\$6,135,328,053
9	<a href="#">Dairy Program Subsidies</a>	158,719**	\$4,886,592,587
10	<a href="#">Env. Quality Incentive Program</a>	272,196	\$4,051,373,024
11	<a href="#">Livestock Subsidies</a>	802,657**	\$3,697,720,573
12	<a href="#">Peanut Subsidies</a>	91,568**	\$3,483,315,596
13	<a href="#">Barley Subsidies**</a>	353,027**	\$2,546,484,394
14	<a href="#">Tobacco Subsidies</a>	396,354**	\$1,138,558,705
15	<a href="#">Sunflower Subsidies**</a>	61,701**	\$880,477,844
16	<a href="#">Wetlands Reserve Program</a>	6,571	\$532,963,630
17	<a href="#">Canola Subsidies**</a>	20,468**	\$385,910,542
18	<a href="#">Oat Subsidies**</a>	640,182**	\$267,267,067
19	<a href="#">Apple Subsidies</a>	8,586**	\$261,540,987
20	<a href="#">Sugar Beet Subsidies</a>	9,071**	\$242,064,005

\*\* Crop totals are an estimate. In the data received by EWG for 2009 and 2010, USDA does not

differentiate Direct Payments or Counter-Cyclical Payments by crop as in previous years. EWG allocated the region's Direct Payments by crop for the 2009 and 2010 calendar year using the proportion of that crop's Direct Payments in 2008. Number of recipients receiving Direct Payments for that crop were not estimated. Due to the way Counter Cyclical Payments are made - EWG was not able to allocate Counter Cyclical Payments to crops. Also included in the crop totals are the crop insurance premiums as reported by the USDA Risk Management Agency for that crop. The crop insurance premium is the amount of money that is calculated by USDA to make the program actuarially sound. Crop insurance premium subsidies are available at the county, state and national level.

Note: The information on conservation spending for 2010 is incomplete due to missing data from USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service. Payment data currently are not included for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, but will be added once NRCS makes it available.

The information provided for the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) provides an inaccurate picture of how WRP payments are distributed. USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service uses title companies as intermediaries to finalize wetlands easements under the Wetlands Reserve Program. As a result, the data provided to us shows large sums of money going to these title companies. In reality, the payments are ultimately distributed to landowners participating in the WRP.

Unfortunately, NRCS has not provided the data to show where these farms and wetlands are located or which farmers or landowners are enrolling in the program, so EWG is unable to allocate these large sums of money to individuals beyond the title companies. Therefore, these companies skew the conservation rankings and payment concentration, which EWG cannot avoid unless and until NRCS makes available the additional farm attribution data. Therefore, we have not included WRP payments in the 2010 data update.

Finally, we have separated data on farm commodity, disaster and conservation payments in order to provide a more accurate picture of top recipients and concentration of payments among the three main categories of USDA programs.

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