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Center pivot corners can be profitable, productive, and hassle free. Many farmers plant corners that aren't harvested, or that don't have great yields and eat up valuable time and dollars. How about getting a guaranteed rental payment on these corners every year, provide honey bees and other wildlife with habitat, and put very little work into them. Land owners with eligible center pivot corners can enroll them into USDA's Conservation Reserve Program , CRP, and enjoy these benefits. Through CRP these acres will be taken out of crop production and put into production of water and soil quality, pollinator habitat and an overall healthier environment.

For landowners in sensitive Wellhead Protection Areas, WHPA's, such as the area South of Long Prairie that encompasses over 10,000 acres, protecting water quality should be a great concern. WHPA's are the areas that supply water to a public drinking well. Protecting these areas from soil erosion and water pollution is of great importance; therefore eligible land in these areas will receive an additional 10% on CRP rental rates and can be planted to grasses, pollinator habitat, or even trees.

As demand for cropland acres increases it will be essential that we protect our natural resources by conserving low production and sensitive areas such as pivot corners and WHPA's. If you would like to protect water and soil quality and provide habitat for pollinators and other wildlife, contact the Long Prairie NRCS office located at 607 9<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Long Prairie or call 320-732-6618 ext. 3.