



STATE CONSERVATION PRIORITY AREAS

FSA TYPICALLY PROVIDES AN
OPPORTUNITY TO REVISE OR CHANGE
STATE CPA'S OR ZONE(S) EVERY FEW
YEARS.

IN AN EFFORT TO BE PREPARED ONCE
THIS OPPORTUNITY IS ANNOUNCED,
WE'D LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE ARE
SUGGESTIONS ON CHANGING THE
CURRENT ZONES OR IF WHAT IS
ALREADY ESTABLISHED BEST SERVES THE
STATE.

STATE CPA FOR ALABAMA – PRIMARY CONCERN IS WATER QUALITY

- Established based on HUC 12 polygons that contain 303d or impaired water from 2020 ADEM List CPA size based on method of calculation: Weave relatable stories into your presentation using narratives that make your message memorable and impactful
- State has 6,197,906.83 acres physically located in the State
- State has 4,300,579.99 acres physically located in the National CPA
- $6,197,906.83 - 4,300,579.99 \text{ acres} = 1,897,326.84 \times 25\% = 474,332$ available cropland acres for CPA
- The acres determined for the State CPA is 471,331 acres.

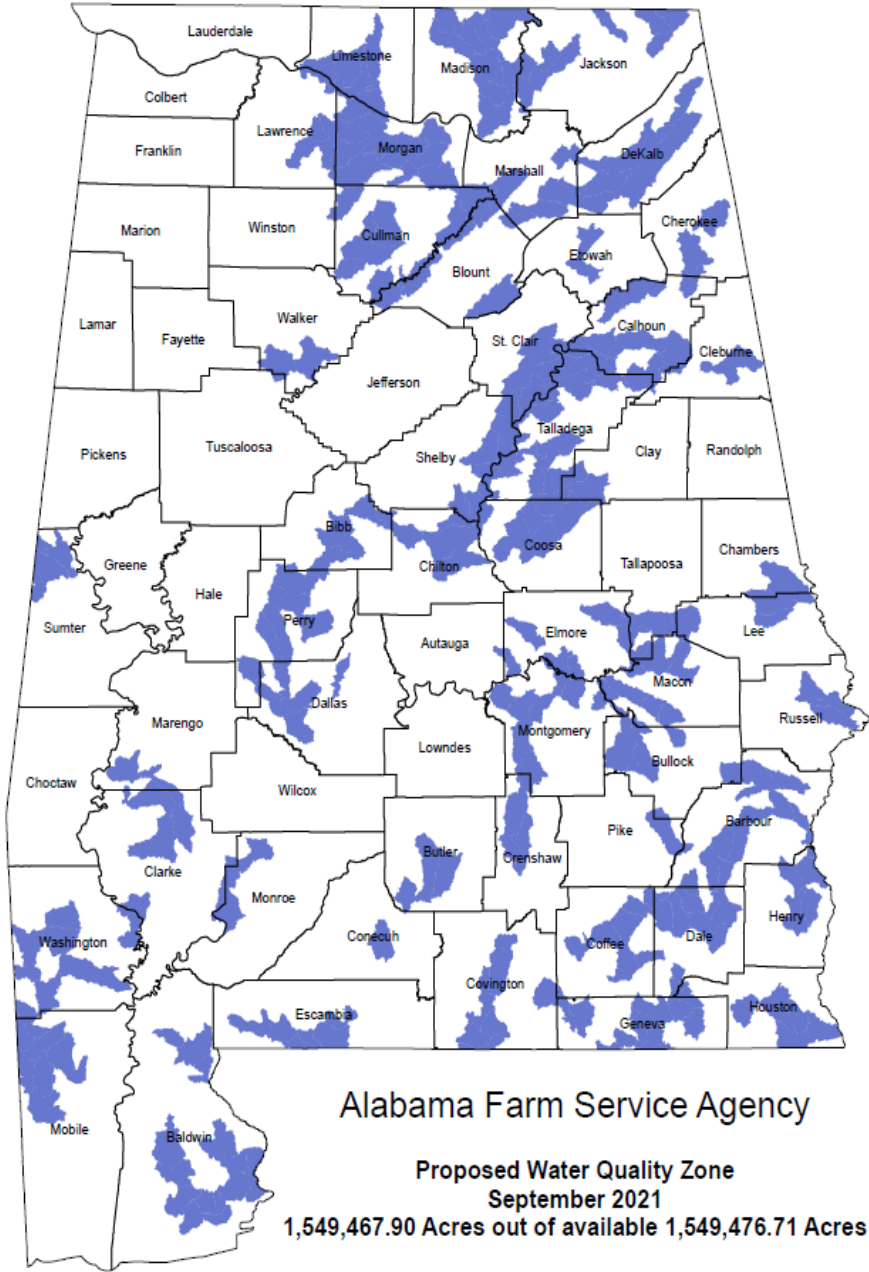


WATER QUALITY ZONE – IMPROVE WATER QUALITY WITHIN THE STATE

Established based on HUC 12 polygons that contain 303d or impaired water from 2020 ADEM List

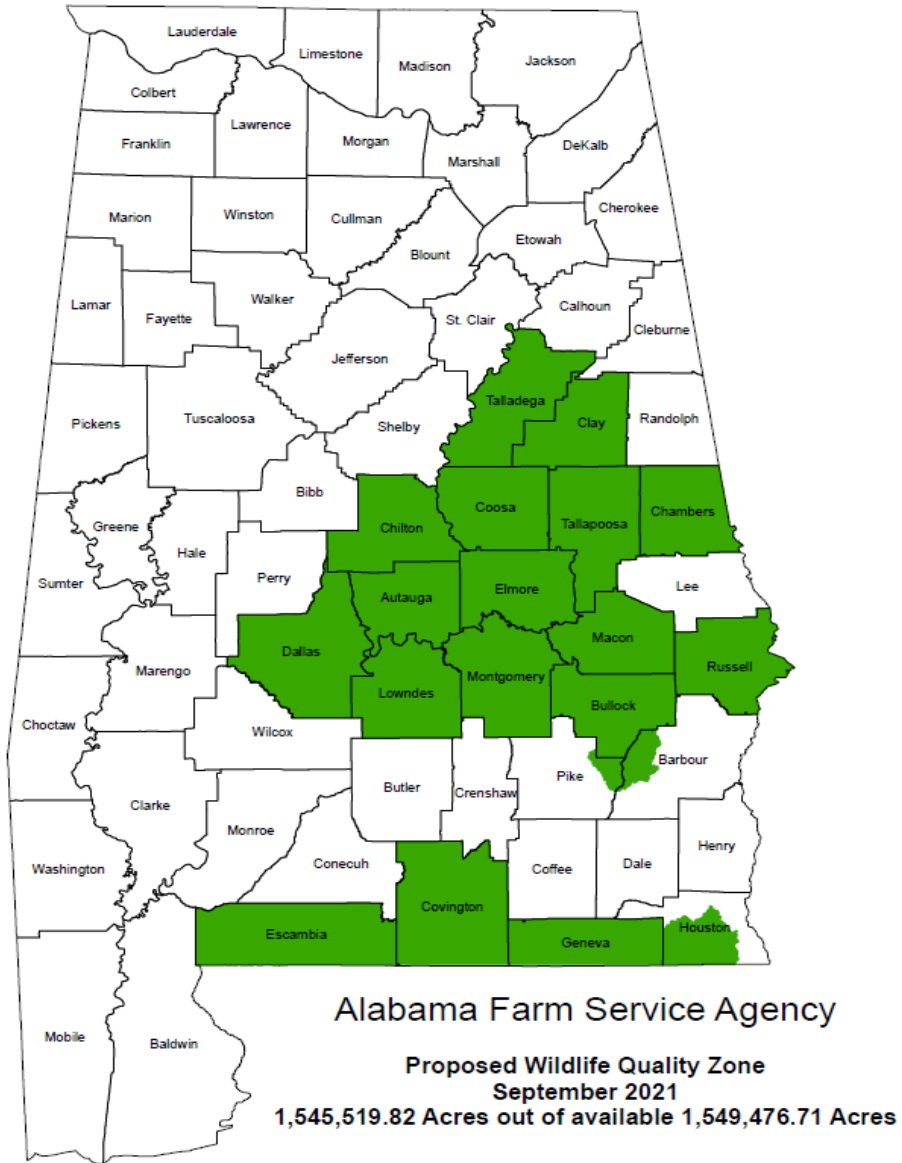
Water Quality Zone based on method of calculation:

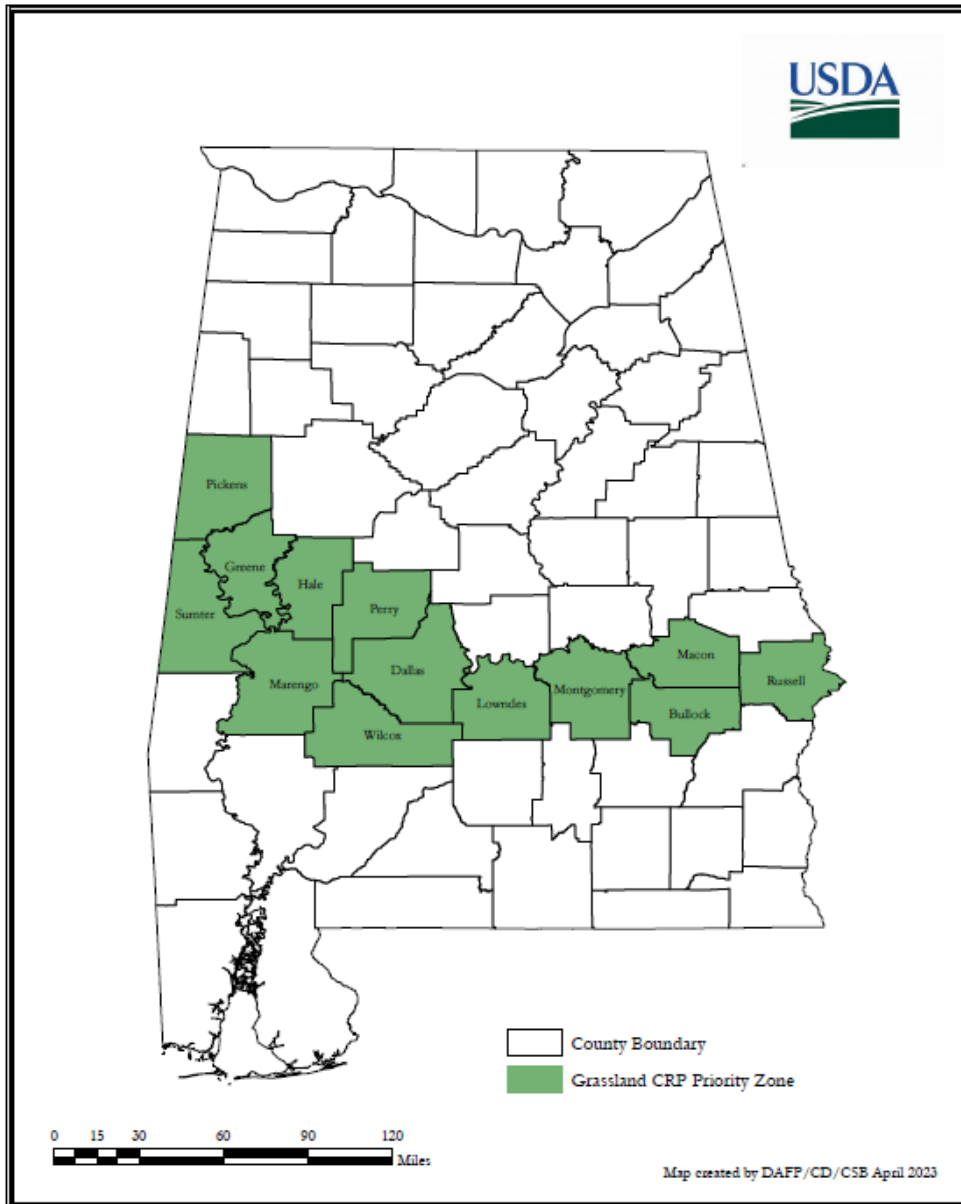
- State has 6,197,906.83 acres physically located in the state.
- $6,197,906.83 \times 25\% = 1,549,477$ available cropland acres for water quality
- Acres determined for Water Quality Zone in Alabama is 1,549,468 acres.



WILDLIFE ZONE

- Established based on the Bobwhite Quail Initiative that was prioritized by State Technical Committee and also added parts of the Upper Pea River and Upper Chipola River Strategic Habitat Units.
- State has 6,197,906.83 acres physically located in the state.
- 6,107,906.83 X 25%-1,549,477 available cropland acres for wildlife zone.
- Acres determined for Wildlife Quality Zone in Alabama is 1,549,468.00 acres.
 - Calculation method is the same for Water Quality Zone Wildlife Zone





GRASSLAND ZONE

Focuses on the Blackbelt Prairie Region:

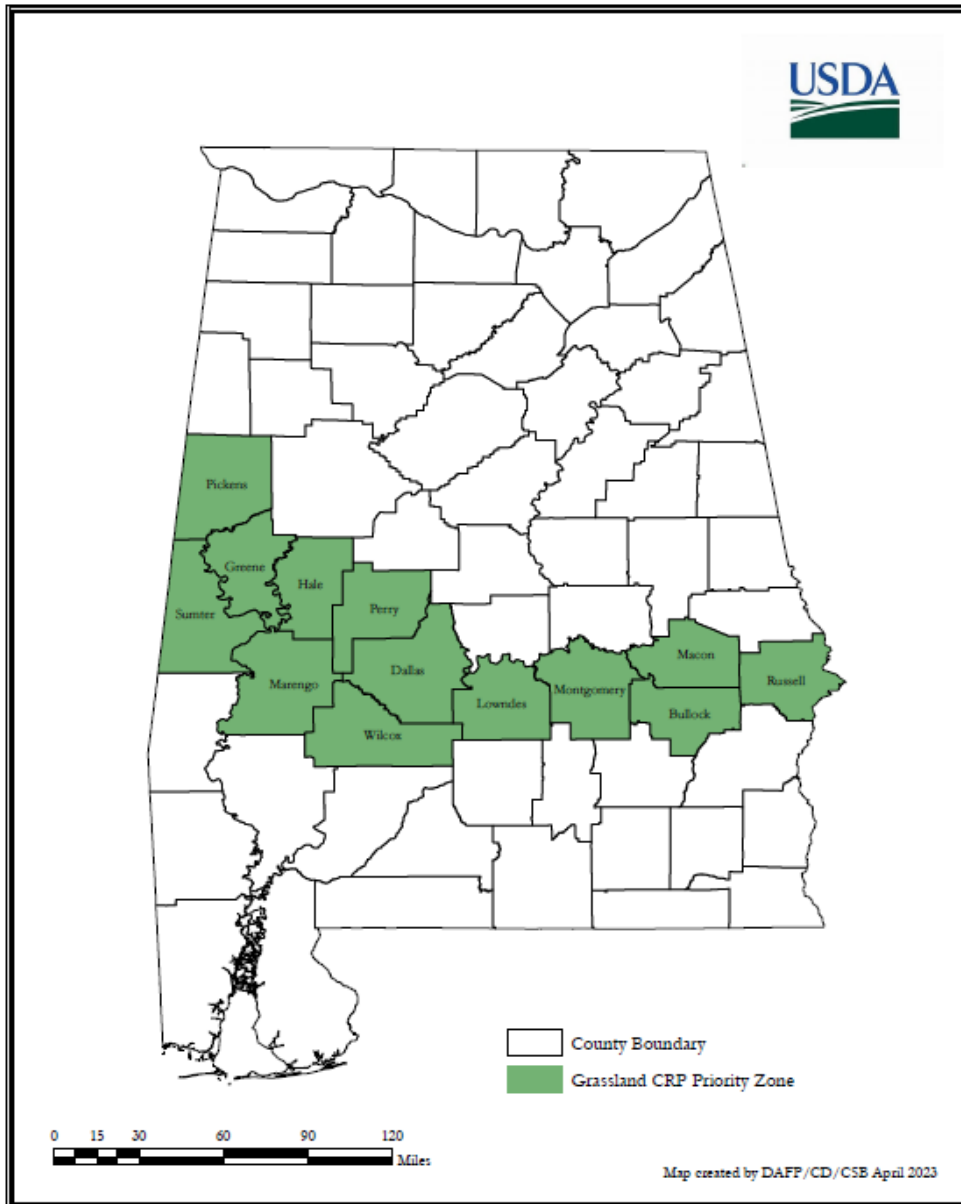
- **encroachment grazing lands subject to woody vegetation**

If abandoned the black belt prairie soils would have a high probability to grow up in undesirable cover such as Mock Orange, Honey Locust, Ash, and Cedar.

- **grazing lands of special significance**

The Blackland Prairie is considered of special significance, with unique soil characteristics. The open prairie habitat includes several widespread and rare species of plants and insects. The Black Belt Prairie is usually dominated by bluestems, as well as many other species of grasses and herbaceous plants.

Alabama Grassland CRP Priority Zone



GRASSLAND ZONE CONT.

- **historically underserved communities**

Counties encompassing the Blackland Prairie contain many historically underserved communities and have been designated as Strikeforce Counties by USDA.

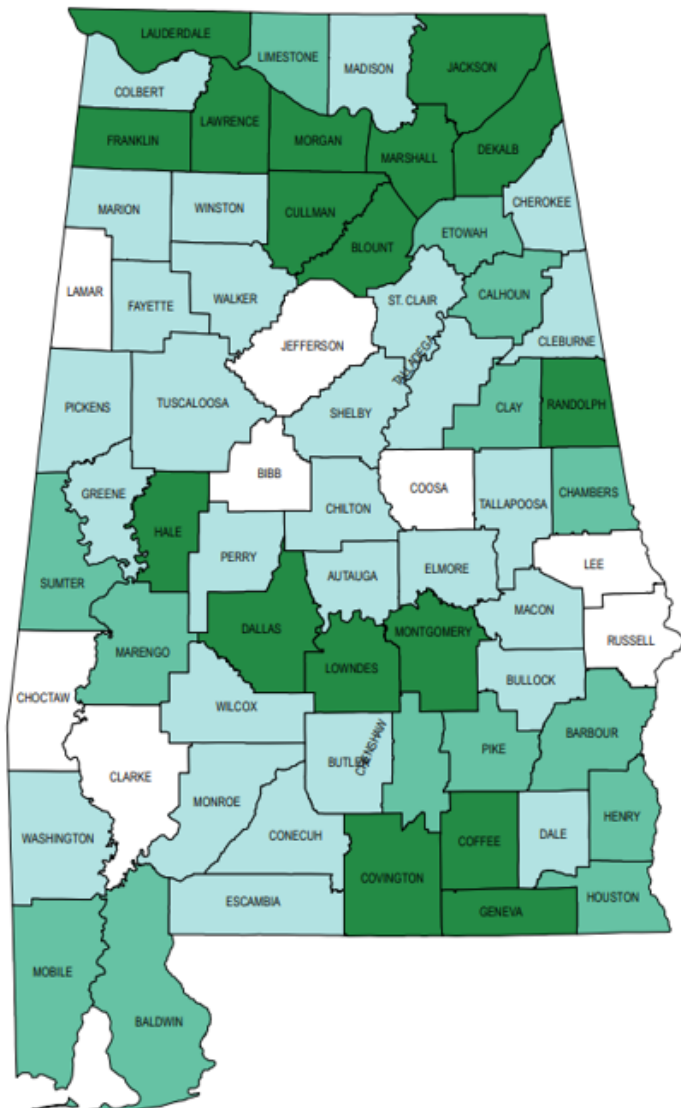
- **areas where wildlife can be protected or enhanced**

Native grass in the area are good for quail and other small bird management. The Nature Conservancy, Alabama Wildlife Federation, and other non-profits have focused efforts in the area to protect and enhance these wildlife resources.

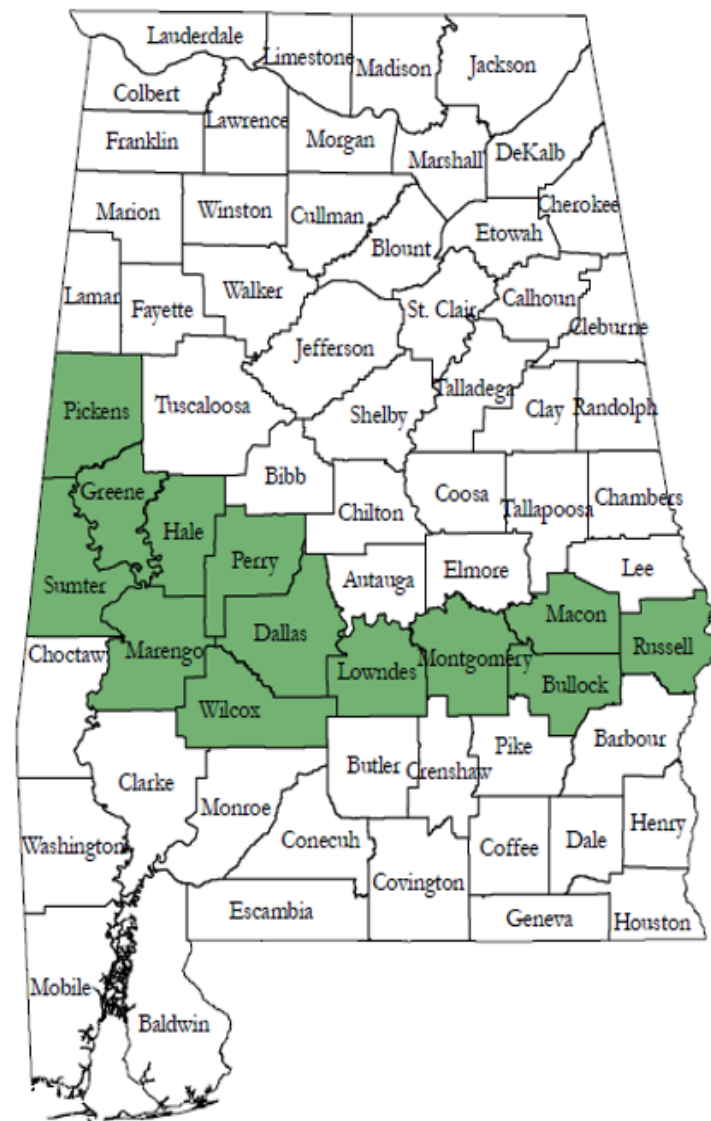
- **proximity to protected public grassland or native prairie preserves.**

The proposed area contains the Old Cahaba Prairie Preserve, which is a 3,000-acre tract of remnant Blackland prairie, one of the remaining half dozen such areas in the entire Black Belt.

Cattle Production



Grassland CRP Zone



THANK YOU

