New Base Acre Allocations in Kansas and Other States: A Preliminary Analysis

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The 2025 One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA, H.R. 1, enacted as Public Law 119-21) authorized up to 30 million new base acres for the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, beginning with the 2026 crop year. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) contacted eligible landowners to review their potential allocations and correct acreage histories by August 31, 2026. On September 15, FSA announced that the allocation process was complete. Eligible acres exceeded the national cap, so FSA applied a 3.69% reduction to new allocations.

FSA reported state-level allocations in October news releases. The attached estimates were compiled using these state-level news releases. A national state-by-state breakdown was not available as of November 24, 2026. Usable published numbers from 45 states totaled about 29.95 million acres. Some announcements used rounded estimates and missing or unusable figures were excluded. The accompanying maps show new base acres and two measures of their relative importance.

New base acres as a share of 2023 total base give a sense of policy relevance, while the share of average 2019-2023 program-crop plantings gives a sense of economic relevance. In other words, the first comparison shows the expansion relative to existing base; the second puts it in the context of recent production. Pennsylvania's roughly 694,000 new acres equal 47% of its 2023 base, compared with 5% for Illinois's roughly 1.03 million acres. Utah's additions equal 18% of 2023 base acres and 36% of recent plantings.

The base comparison uses allocated covered-commodity base, including unenrolled base but excluding unassigned generic base. Plantings include failed acres and eligible forage and grazing uses, and exclude prevented planting.

Kansas received 1.67 million new base acres, nearly 6% of the national allocation. The addition equals 7.6% of the state's nearly 22 million base acres in 2023 and 7.8% of its average annual program-crop plantings of approximately 21 million acres in 2019-2023. These two percentages are similar because Kansas's total base and recent program crop plantings are close at the state level.

The statewide percentages do not describe how much any individual farm's base increased. For farms receiving new base, the addition expands the acreage used to calculate future ARC/PLC payments. Additional analysis will require FSA to publish a national breakdown of new base acres by county and commodity.

Disclaimer: AI was used to compile the state-level news releases and multiple spot checks were then conducted. This is an unofficial compilation and comparison of state FSA offices' data and should be treated as unofficial until FSA publishes a national state-by-state report or more granular breakdowns.

Sources

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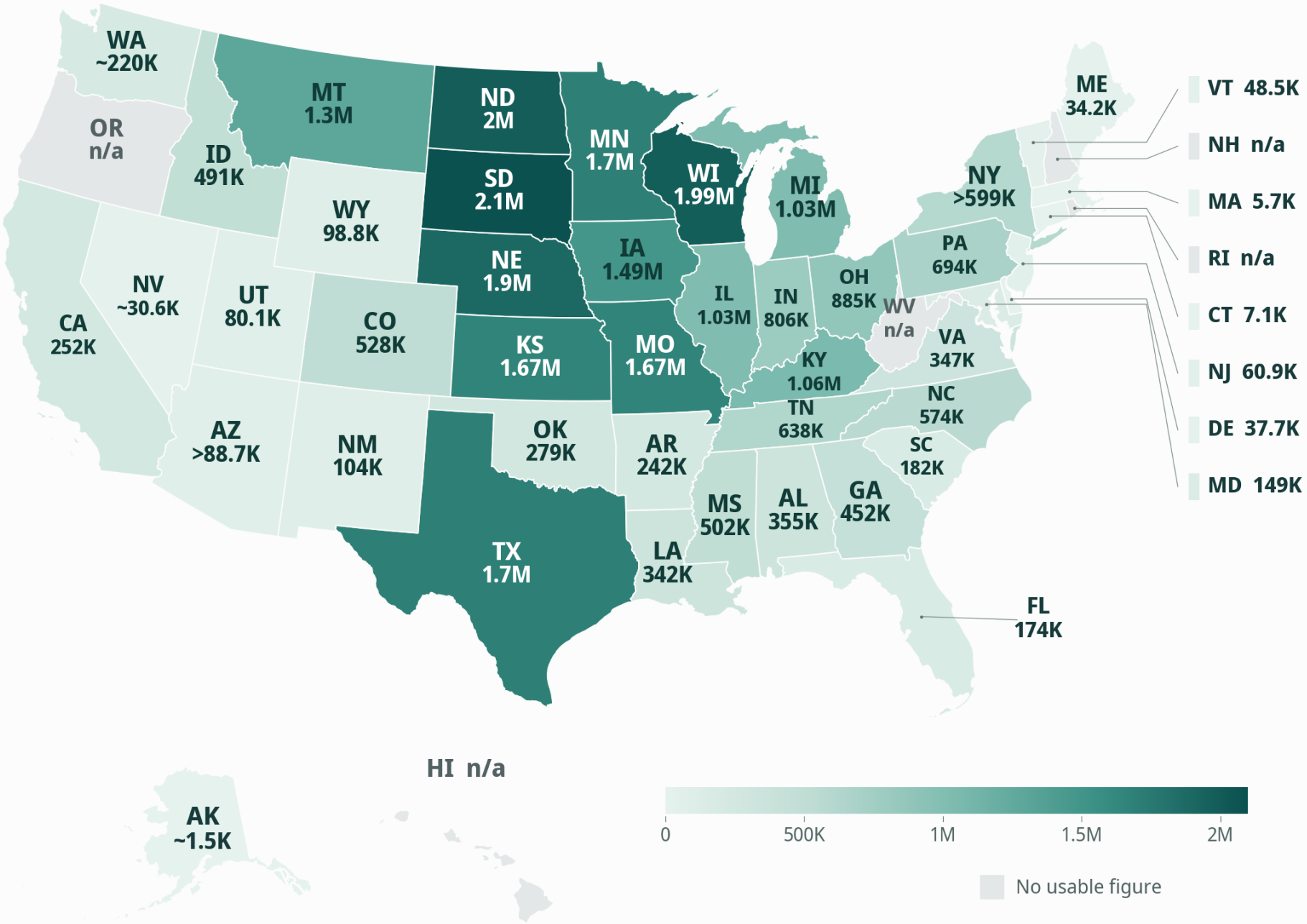
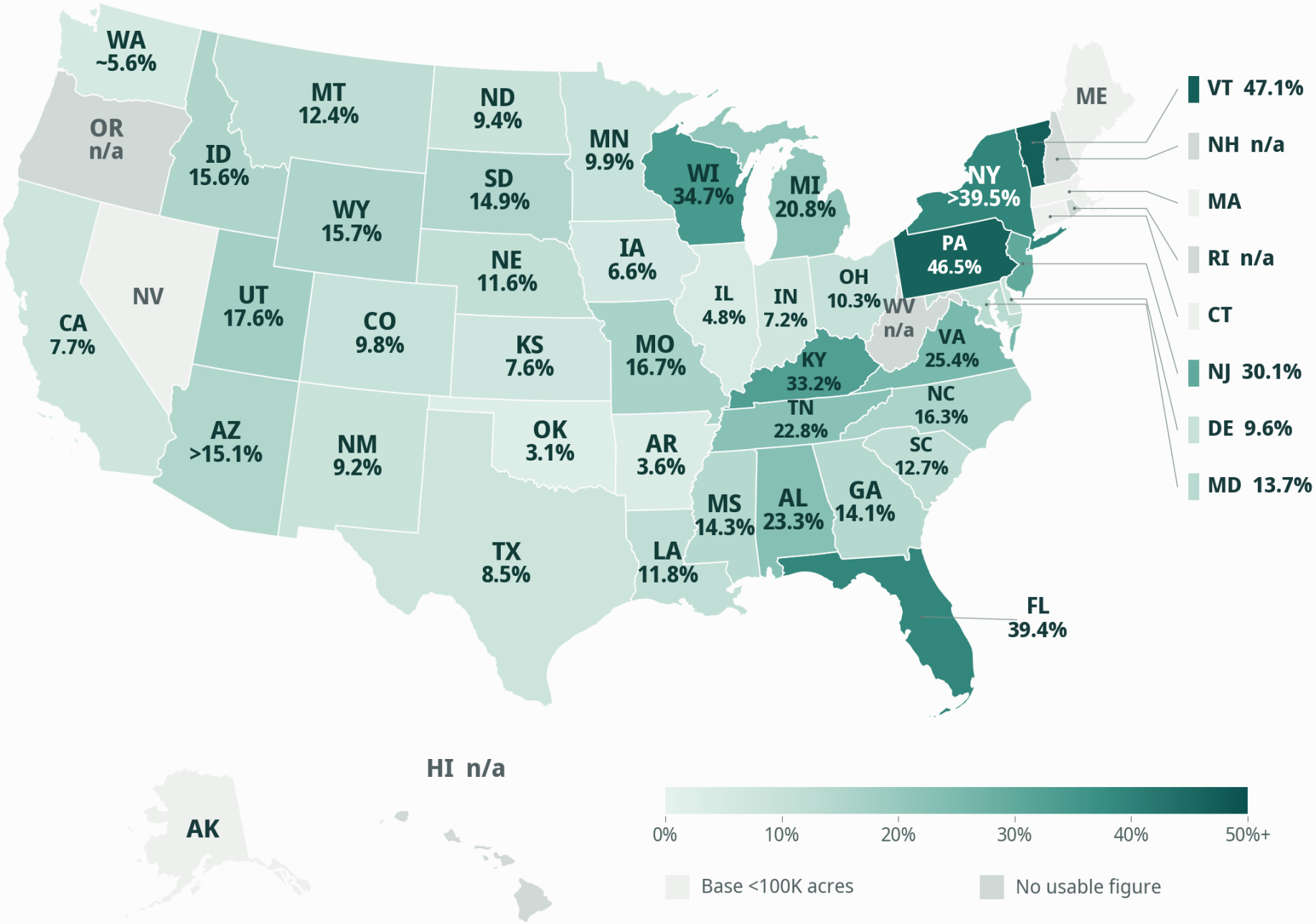
Where did 30 million new base acres go?



Source: FSA state announcements, compiled Nov. 20, 2026. Values rounded.

K = thousand; M = million; ~ = approximate. Gray = no usable state figure.

New base acres as a share of 2023 base acres

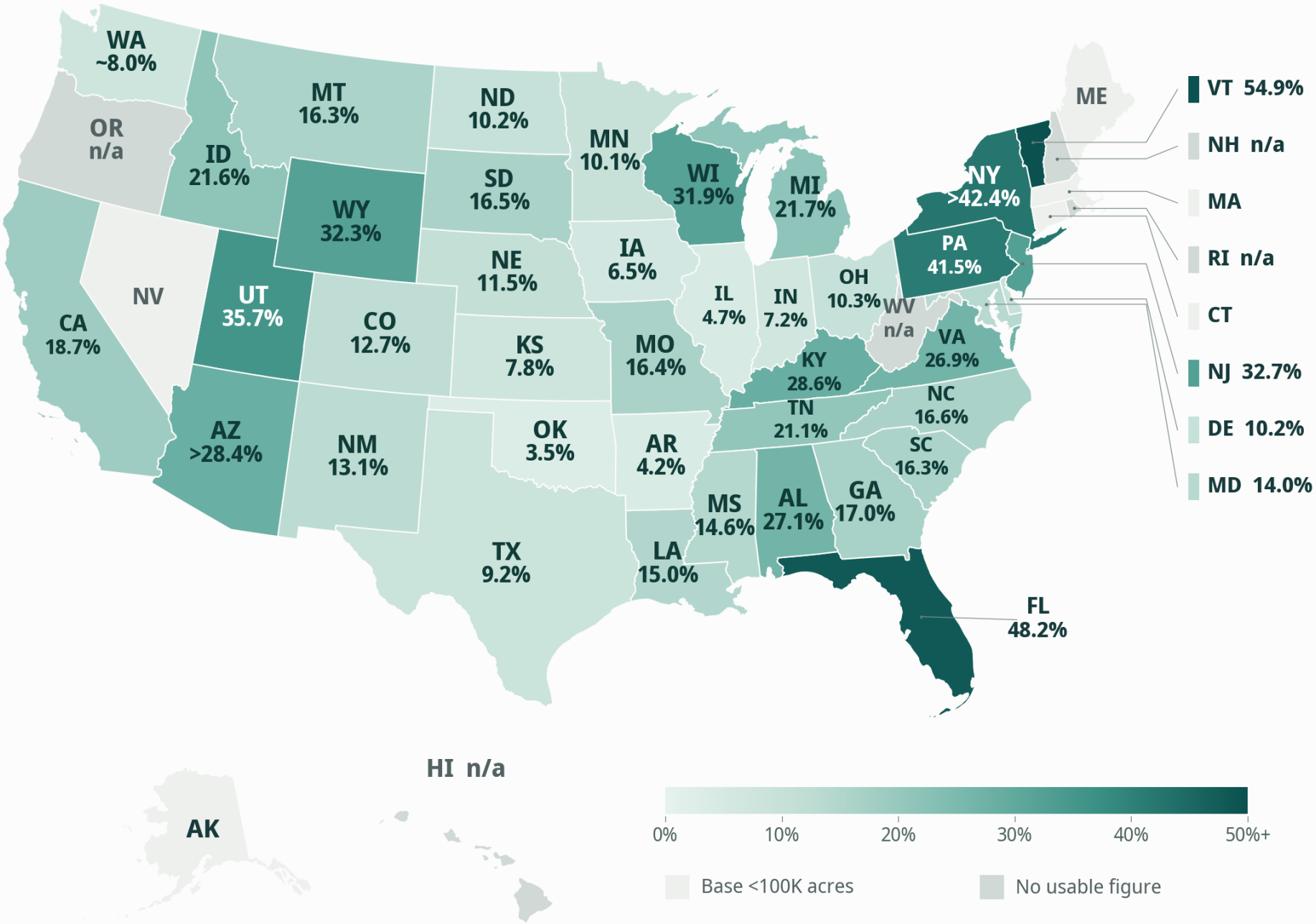


2026 additions / 2023 allocated covered-commodity base. Values rounded.

Percentages shown for states with 100K+ base acres in 2023. All states remain in the table.

Sources: FSA state announcements and total-base data.

New base acres as a share of program-crop plantings



Plantings: 2019-2023 average, including failed acres and eligible forage uses.

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Prevented planting excluded; some grain/grazing acreage may be reported twice.