

FDACS BMP PROGRAM

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Why?

Federal Clean Water Act

- Required Florida to identify impaired waters
- Establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)
- Develop a plan to meet the TMDL



Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP)

- Blueprint for reducing the pollutant loadings in impaired water bodies
- Comprehensive set of strategies
 - Wastewater limits
 - Urban BMPs
 - Agricultural BMPs
 - Conservation Programs



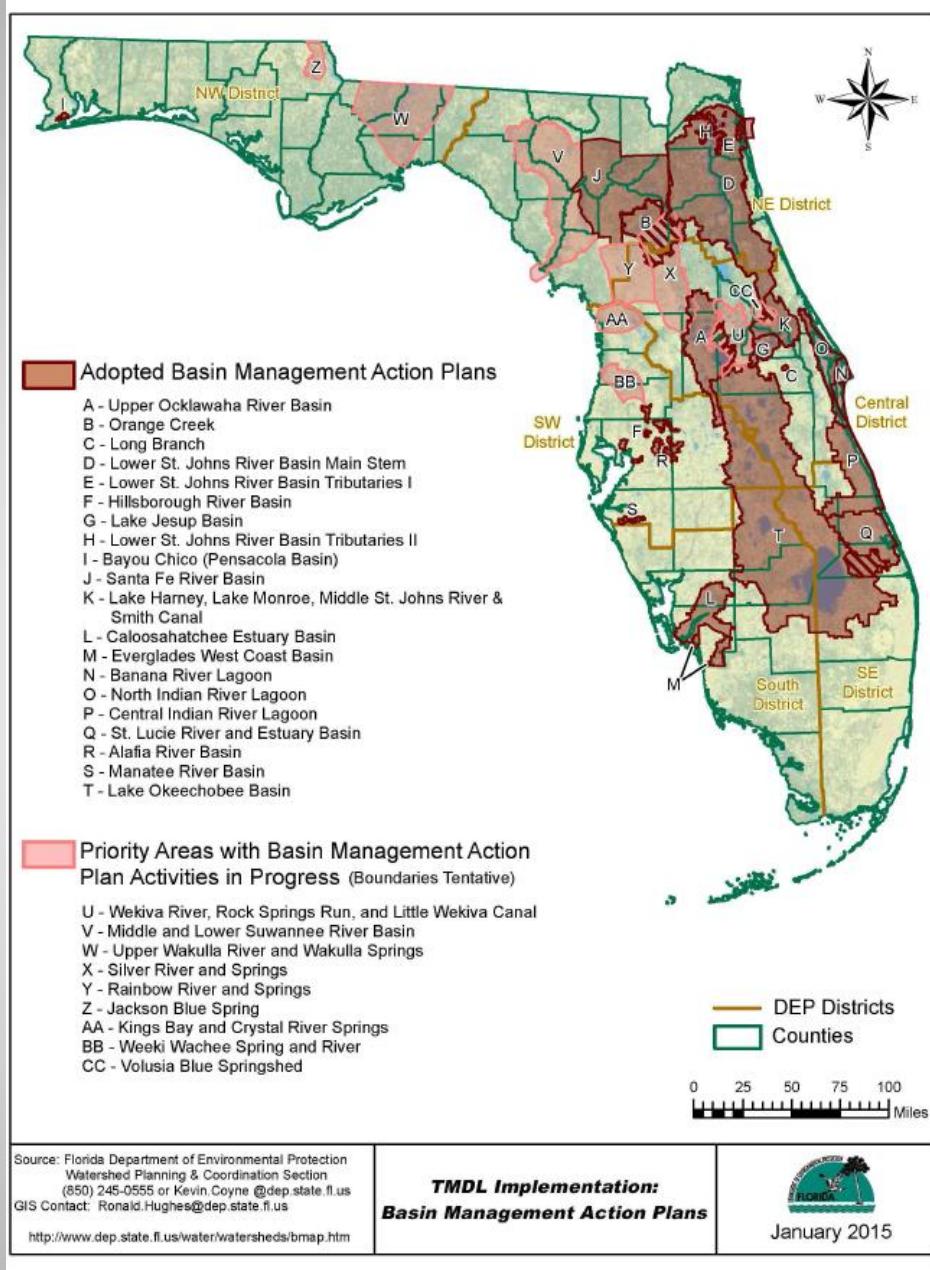
In a Designated BMAP Area
Agricultural Producers have two choices:
(per s. 403.067(7), F.S.)

**Participate in FDACS BMP Program
and receive Presumption of Compliance
with water quality standards**

or

**Monitor loads to demonstrate compliance – at
owner's expense**

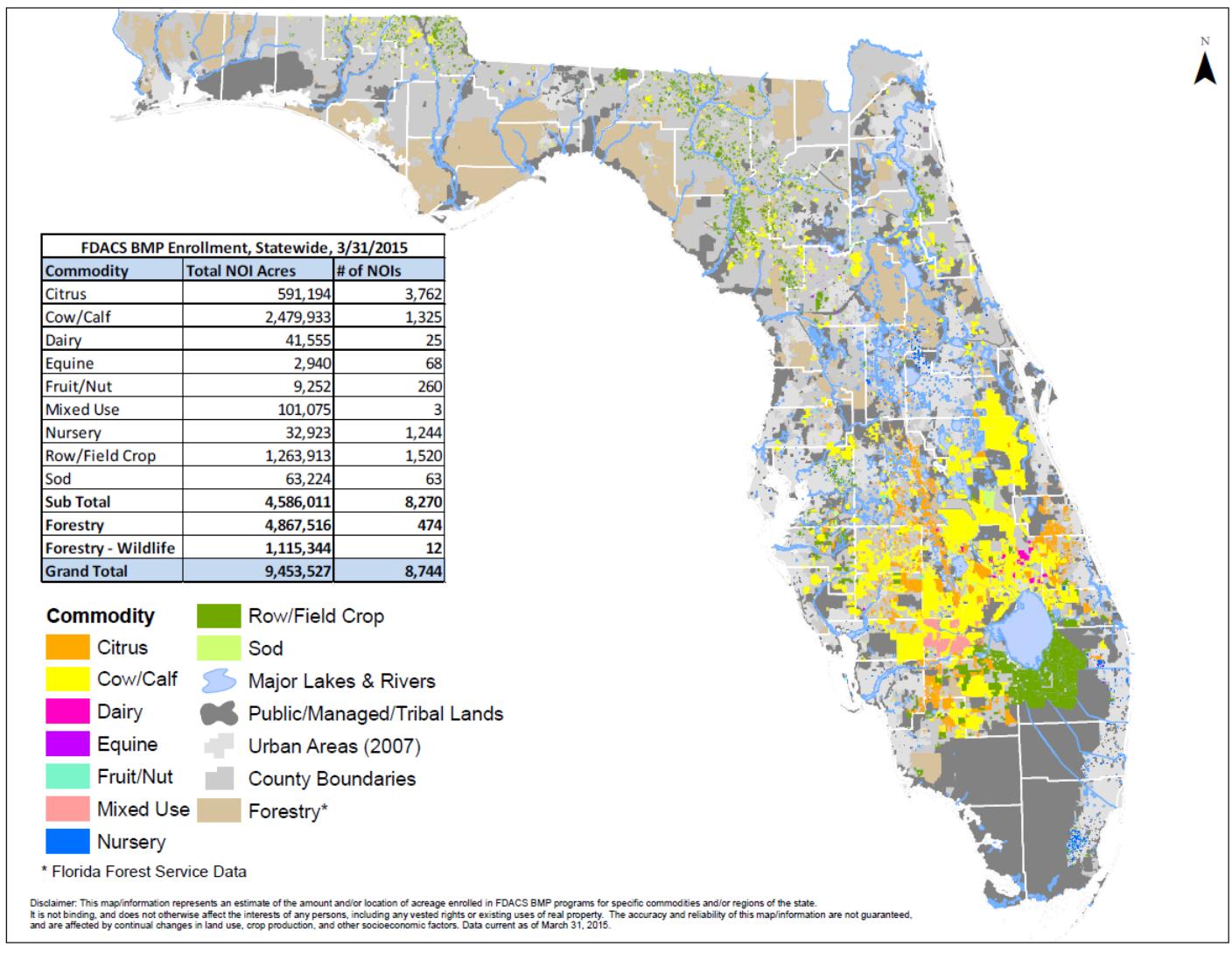




Benefits of Implementing BMPs

- Provides presumption of compliance with state water quality standards
- Right to Farm Act protection – for activities addressed by implemented BMPs
- Eligibility for state-funded cost share
- Voluntary program, unless in an impaired area
- Demonstrates environmental stewardship and strengthens support for BMP approach





Total Ag Acres, 9.9 million

Total Acres Enrolled, 4.6 million

46 % Enrolled



BMP Program Participation

- ***Technical assistance*** provided to producers via field staff and contracted implementation staff
- ***What Happens On-site:***
 - Implementation teams and staff work one-on-one with producers to assess natural resource concerns and identify BMPs that are implemented or planned, non-applicable, technically or economically not feasible and site specific
 - Implementation teams and staff assist producer with completion of BMP checklist and Notice of Intent (NOI)



Notice of Intent (NOI) Form

Official record of:

- Who is implementing the BMPs
- Number of acres operating under BMPs
- Where BMPs are being implemented (through listing of parcel identification #'s)



BMP Checklist

BMP #	BMP Group <i>(See body of manual for full description)</i>	In Use/ CP# <i>Check below / Enter FOTG #</i>	Planned <i>Enter month / year</i>	Will not implement <i>Check reason below</i>						
				NA	TNF	ENF	Other			
1.0 Nutrient Management										
1.1 Level I - Fertilizer Management 										
	Use Mehlich-1 soil test results or equivalent to determine P application rate									

Official record of:

- What BMPs are currently implemented
- What BMPs producer is planning to implement and when
- Why certain BMPs were not implemented



BMP Follow-up

- ***BMP Implementation Assurance – 1 to 3 years after enrollment***
 - Condensed version of BMP Checklist to assess what new BMPs have been implemented and ensure that growers are still participating in the program
- ***Recommendation for CARES Award***
 - County Alliance for Responsible Environmental Stewardship



FDACS BMP COST SHARE PROGRAM



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COST SHARE PRACTICES OR PROJECTS

- 75% Project reimbursement
- 100% Engineering reimbursement
- Projects can be combined with a cost share practice with NRCS.
- Have a minimum three year maintenance period.



REQUIREMENTS

- Must be enrolled in an applicable FDACS Best Management Program
- Project site must be in regulatory compliance
- Participation is on a first come, first-served basis



Thank You!

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