

“Meeting the shared goal of preserving the monarch, Missouri’s farmers and ranchers are in a great position to be part of the solution. They hold a piece of the puzzle to expand and preserve critical habitat.” -Darrick Steen, Environmental Director for Missouri Corn & Missouri Soybean

“Missourians must work together to save our native pollinators through habitat restoration, whether they have a farm or a backyard, everyone has a role.” -Sara Parker Pauley, Director Missouri Department of Conservation

Missourians for Monarchs Habitat Initiative For Farmers & Ranchers

Restoring Habitat for Monarchs, Pollinators and Other Wildlife



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The Missourians for Monarchs collaborative is a partnership between producers, federal, state and local conservation organizations to sustain habitat for monarch butterflies and pollinators through voluntary citizen involvement. The collaborative agrees to create at least an additional 385,000 acres of pollinator habitat by the year 2036.

Learn how you can benefit monarch butterflies & pollinators not only on agricultural land, but also on suburban, urban, school & other sites: moformonarchs.org

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Benefits from creating pollinator habitat

- Improved soil health and water quality
- A productive and sustainable farmscape
- Habitat for agricultural pollinators such as honey bees and native bees
- Habitat for natural enemies that benefit integrated pest management programs
- Increase of wildlife diversity in your area



What You Can Do

- Establish a diverse habitat that has a mixture of native wildflowers, milkweed and other beneficial plants
- Plant pollinator habitat in sites such as field borders, pivot corners, conservation lands, ditches, buffers and other low productive lands
- Work with partners, like Missourian for Monarchs, to conserve pollinators

No Milkweed, No Monarchs

- The monarch butterfly population has declined by 90% over the last 20 years and consequently are being considered for protection under the Endangered Species Act.
- The monarch's phenomenal migration between Canada, the United States, and Mexico encompasses diverse habitats including agricultural lands, urban and suburban areas, and native grasslands across North America.
- Missouri is centrally located along the monarch migration route, giving Missouri producers and ranchers the unique opportunity to play a part in improving monarch populations.
- Pollinators are essential to managed agricultural systems and natural ecosystems. Providing high quality monarch breeding and foraging habitat also provides benefits to many other species of pollinators including honey bees, native bees, and native songbirds.
- Monarchs are a symbol for evolving agricultural systems that are more productive, use fewer resources and value native habitats to sustain diversity.



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The Challenge:

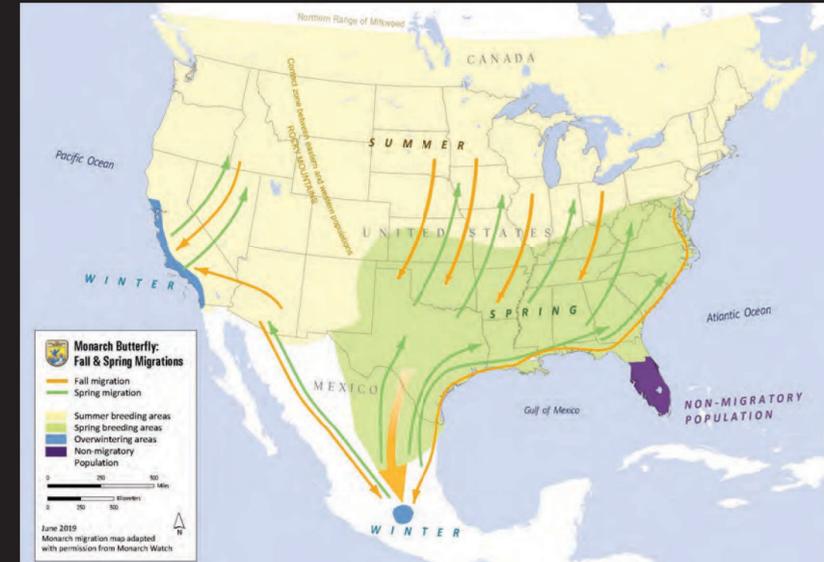
Sustain high quality agricultural production while safeguarding monarch and pollinator populations.

What's Available for Farmers & Ranchers?

Conservation Practices and Programs

There are several financial and technical assistance programs to help you conserve pollinators.

Monarch migration map



Missouri is part of the eastern population of monarch butterflies which migrate to overwintering grounds in central Mexico.