

FARMERS FOR MONARCHS





Spring Path

Farmers & Landowners can play a strong role in the revival of monarch populations as much monarch habitat is in private hands.





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## **HOW FARMERS & LANDOWNERS CAN HELP**

Farmers and Landowners can help by protecting, restoring, and establishing native milkweed and other nectar plants, avoiding mowing milkweed stands and following IPM practices.

#### PLANT MILKWEED AND OTHER FLOWERS

Farmers can help revive monarch populations by establishing native milkweed and other nectar plants. Habitat plantings can fit into many niches on the agricultural landscape, including conservation lands, grazing lands, rights-of-way, field margins, and yard and garden areas. Native milkweed and other nectar-producing flowers planted in these areas yield multiple on-farm benefits.



Milkweed adjacent to a soybean field

### MOWING

Mowing is important to both establishing habitat and conducting management activities to keep the site healthy. When mowing is necessary, make sure to follow best practices such as avoiding milkweed patches and using a minimum cutting height of 8-12 inches to minimize impact on native plants.

#### **PESTICIDES**

Pest management is a necessary part of agriculture. Farmers should utilize appropriate stewardship practices for proper pesticide use, such as avoiding drift, that will protect crops from insect pests and mites while also protecting monarchs and other pollinators.

