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<b>Spending</b>	<b>Current law</b>	<b>Senate version (S. 954)</b>	<b>House version (H.R. 1947)</b>
		<b>Passed Committee by a vote of 15-5</b>	<b>Passed Committee by a vote of 36-10</b>
<b>Total Cost</b>		\$955 billion (over ten years)	\$940 billion (over ten years)
<b>Net Savings</b>		\$23 billion	\$39.7 billion
<b>Title I: Commodities</b>	<b>Current law</b>	<b>Senate version (S. 954)</b>	<b>House version (H.R. 1947)</b>
<b>Revenue Protection</b>	Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) provided some revenue assurances.	Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) - provides assistance when revenue falls between 78% to 88%. Farmers chooses to be covered on county or individual basis.	Revenue Loss Coverage (RLC) - provides assistance when revenue falls between 75% to 85%.
<b>Price Protection</b>	Counter-cyclical Payments (CCP) set. (See attachment)	Adverse Market Payment (AMP): Reference price set at 55% of simple average for all covered commodities except rice and peanuts. (See attachment).	Price Loss Coverage (PLC): Reference prices set in statute (see attachment). When actual average prices fall below reference price, pays the difference on eligible acres and at yield average.
<b>Direct Payments</b>	Contains Direct Payments and ACRE as part of as the safety net for program commodities	Eliminated	Eliminated for everyone except Cotton for 2014-2016
<b>Dairy Safety Net</b>	Dairy Product Price Support Program, Milk Income Loss Contracts	Margin revenue insurance program (premium levels attached) included. Premiums are lower for the first 4 million pounds of milk marketings.	Margin revenue insurance program (premium levels attached) included. Premiums are lower for the first 4 million pounds of milk marketings.
<b>Dairy Supply Management</b>	No provision	Dairy Market Stabilization program included.	Dairy Market Stabilization program included.
<b>Payment Limits</b>	\$65,000 payment limit for CCPs. If non-farm AGI exceeds \$500,000 in a three-year period, farm program benefits are not allowed nor are they allowed if on-farm AGI exceeds \$750,000 in a three-year period. If AGI exceeds \$1 million in a three-year period, individual is not allowed into conservation programs.	ARC payment limit for all commodities is \$50,000. Peanuts are eligible for an additional \$50,000. If total AGI exceeds \$900,000 in a three-year period, farm program benefits are not allowed. If AGI exceeds \$1 million in a three-year period, individual is not allowed into conservation programs.	Payments are capped at \$125,000 per person for all commodity programs. If total AGI exceeds \$950,000 in a three-year period, farm program benefits are not allowed. If AGI exceeds \$1 million in a three-year period, individual is not allowed into conservation programs.
<b>Conservation Compliance</b>	Required for Title I eligibility.	Required for Title I eligibility.	Required for Title I eligibility.
<b>Sugar</b>	Operates at no cost to taxpayers.	No changes, except for a date change as to when USDA must make import decisions.	No changes, except for a date change as to when USDA must make import decisions.
<b>Livestock Disaster Programs</b>	Expired, but provided some funds for disaster recovery efforts	Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) and Tree Assistance Program (TAP) included with mandatory funding.	Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) and Tree Assistance Program (TAP) included with mandatory funding. Provides more funding and higher payments (for some programs) than S. 954.
<b>Title II: Conservation</b>	<b>Current law</b>	<b>Senate version (S. 954)</b>	<b>House version (H.R. 1947)</b>
<b>Overall</b>	Includes 23 programs	Consolidates title into 13 programs	Consolidates title into 13 programs
		Cuts \$4 billion	Cuts \$7 billion
<b>CRP</b>	Acreage is capped at 32 million acres	Acreage is capped at 25 million acres	Acreage is capped at 24 million acres
<b>CSP</b>		Capped at an acreage enrollment of 10.3 million acres/year and a national average rate of \$18/acres	Capped at an acreage enrollment of 8.7 million acres/year and a national average rate of \$18/acres
<b>EQIP</b>		extended with significant funding	extended with significant funding
<b>Sodsaver</b>	No provision	On land which has never been tilled, the crop insurance premium subsidy is reduced by 50% for the first four years of planting	No provision
<b>Title IV: Nutrition</b>	<b>Current law</b>	<b>Senate version (S. 954)</b>	<b>House version (H.R. 1947)</b>
<b>Cuts to SNAP</b>		Unconfirmed, cuts SNAP \$4.1 billion from a Senate Ag Committee source	Cuts more than \$20 billion from SNAP
<b>LIHEAP "Heat-and-Eat" program</b>		Cuts largely from changing LIHEAP "Heat-and-Eat" program eligibility	Ends most LIHEAP "Heat-and-Eat" payments
<b>SNAP Eligibility Changes</b>		Ensures lottery winners are ineligible for SNAP benefits	Ensures lottery winners, college students, and undocumented immigrants are ineligible for SNAP benefits

<b>EBT Changes</b>	Wired machines are free to retailers whereas wireless machines, which are more often needed by non-traditional retailers such as farmers markets, must be purchased	Includes provision included in 2012 Senate Farm Bill draft that requires retailers to purchase EBT machines (previously received them for free). The Secretary is given discretion to exempt direct-to-consumer markets, military commissaries, nonprofit food buying cooperatives, etc., from this requirement.	No such provision
<b>Title V: Credit</b>	<b>Current law</b>	<b>Senate version (S. 954)</b>	<b>House version (H.R. 1947)</b>
<b>Loan Eligibility</b>		Includes farm ownership and emergency loans, as well as a program for beginning farmer and socially disadvantaged farmer contract land sales, among other credit opportunities.	A family farm that has become an LLC can obtain credit but the bill allows any legal entity that meets the ownership rules has outlined later in the section of either 50% ownership or 75% depending on the operation to qualify.
		Continues state agricultural mediation programs	
<b>Title VI: Rural Development</b>	<b>Current law</b>	<b>Senate version (S. 954)</b>	<b>House version (H.R. 1947)</b>
<b>Definition of rural</b>	Overall, excludes cities of 50,000 or more, excludes urban area contiguous and adjacent to a city of 50,000 or more		Same as current
	Definition of rural for community facilities program excludes cities or towns in excess of 20,000	Raises population eligibility requirement to 50,000 for Rural Community and Rural Business Programs	Same as current
		Excludes urbanized areas contiguous or adjacent to cities or towns larger than 50,000 from being defined as "rural"	Same as current
	Gives Secretary authority to certain areas of urban sprawl	Allows cities or towns within urban area to petition Under Secretary to be considered rural	Same as current
	Treats as rural certain fringe areas in urbanized areas	Extends "urbanized areas" exclusion for areas rural in all aspects except a road connecting them to a larger city	Same as current
<b>Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG)</b>	Authorized	Combines RBOG and RBEG into one program, Rural Business Development Grants, funding of \$65 million/year discretionary	Reauthorized at 2008 level
<b>Value-Added Agricultural Product Marketing Development Grants (VAPG)</b>	\$15 million mandatory, 10% set-aside for socially disadvantaged/beginning farmers and ranchers, 10% set-aside for developing mid-tier value chains	\$12.5 million/year mandatory, \$40 million discretionary, 10% set-aside for socially disadvantaged/beginning farmers and ranchers	\$50 million/year mandatory
<b>Appropriate Technology Transfer Program for Rural Areas (ATTRA)</b>	Authorized	\$5 million/year discretionary	Not Included
<b>Business and Industry Loan Guarantee Program (B&amp;I)</b>	Authorized, gives priority for locally/regionally produced food projects benefiting underserved communities	\$75 million/year discretionary, additional \$50 million/year discretionary for relending	\$15 million/year discretionary, local/regional set-aside is capped at 7% of the program
<b>Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program</b>		\$3 million/year mandatory, \$40 million/year discretionary	\$20 million/year discretionary
<b>Rural Cooperative Development Grants</b>		\$50 million/year discretionary, establishes new Interagency Working Group to foster co-op development/coordination	\$40 million/year discretionary
<b>Title VII: Research</b>	<b>Current law</b>	<b>Senate version (S. 954)</b>	<b>House version (H.R. 1947)</b>
<b>Veterinary Services Grant Program</b>	No such provision exists.	A new program with discretionary funding of \$10 million/year, for grants to institutions and organizations carrying out programs that substantially relieve veterinarian shortage situations	A new program with discretionary funding of \$10 million/year, for grants to institutions and organizations carrying out programs that substantially relieve veterinarian shortage situations
<b>Organic</b>	Mandatory CCC funding to total of \$78 million for FY 2009-12. Authorizes additional annual appropriations of \$25 million for FY 2009-12	Organic agriculture research and extension initiative is provided with \$16 million/year for 2014 through 2018	Mandatory CCC funding of \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018. Additional annual discretionary funding of \$25,000,000.
<b>Funding for Specialty Crop Research Initiative</b>	Mandated Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funding of \$30 million in FY 2008; \$50 million annually in FY 2009-12. Authorizes additional annual appropriations of \$100 million.	\$25 million for 2014; \$30 million for each of 2015 and 2016; \$65 million for 2017; \$50 million for 2018	\$50 million for each of 2014 and 2015; \$55,000,000 each for 2016 and 2017; \$65 million for 2018.
<b>Beginning Farmer and Rancher</b>	Established for beginning farmers or ranchers (who have not operated a farm or have operated a farm for 10 years or less). Priority to be given to collaborations that include nongovernmental and community-based organizations and grants are to be regionally diverse.	Adds "beginning farmers and ranchers who are veterans" to the existing 25 percent set-aside	Defines "beginning farmer and ranchers" as having less than 5 years experience

<b>Funding for Beginning Farmer and Rancher Programs</b>	Maximum grant is \$250,000/year. CCC funds shall be made available: \$18 million for FY 2009 and \$19 million annually for FY 2010-12. Additional appropriations of \$30 million/year are authorized for FY 2008-12.	Mandatory funding of \$17 million/year for 2014 through 2018	Reauthorized
<b>National Institute of Food and Agriculture</b>	Establishes NIFA to administer research funds and programs that have been administered by USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES).	Reauthorizes	Extends authority for extramural research grants and other programs under the administration of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture
<b>BCAP</b>	Includes matching payments as well establishment payments	Includes matching payments as well as establishment payments	Eliminates matching payments for collection, harvest, storage and transportation for BCAP
<b>Title IX: Energy</b>	<b>Current law</b>	<b>Senate version (S. 954)</b>	<b>House version (H.R. 1947)</b>
<b>Overall funding</b>	\$1.2 billion mandatory	\$900 million mandatory	No mandatory funding
<b>REAP</b>	Funds blender pumps and feasibility studies	Includes funding for blender pumps and feasibility studies	Prohibits funding blender pumps and feasibility studies
<b>Title X: Horticulture</b>	<b>Current law</b>	<b>Senate version (S. 954)</b>	<b>House version (H.R. 1947)</b>
<b>Specialty Crop Block Grants</b>		Reauthorized	Reauthorized
<b>Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program</b>		Reauthorized with \$20 million in mandatory funding	Reauthorized with \$30 million in mandatory funding
<b>Title XI: Crop Insurance</b>	<b>Current law</b>	<b>Senate version (S. 954)</b>	<b>House version (H.R. 1947)</b>
<b>Conservation Compliance</b>	No link with compliance	Linked to conservation compliance practices.	No link with compliance
<b>Limits on Premium Subsidies</b>	None.	None.	None.
<b>Cotton-Specific Programs</b>	Not applicable.	Stacked Income Protection Program (STAX) is established and provides county-based revenue insurance.	Stacked Income Protection Program (STAX) is established and provides county-based revenue insurance.
<b>Extra Crop Insurance Options</b>	Not applicable.	Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) is available for all covered commodities except cotton. A farmer can insure farm yield, farm revenue, county yield or county revenue. Indemnity payments cover all or part of the deductible from underlying crop insurance policy. Coverage cannot exceed 85% of individual yield or 90% of county yield. Premium subsidies are set at 65%.	Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) is available for all covered commodities except cotton. A farmer can insure farm yield, farm revenue, county yield or county revenue. Indemnity payments cover all or part of the deductible from underlying crop insurance policy. Coverage cannot exceed 85% of individual yield or 90% of county yield. Premium subsidies are set at 65%.
<b>Title XII: Miscellaneous</b>	<b>Current law</b>	<b>Senate version (S. 954)</b>	<b>House version (H.R. 1947)</b>
<b>Country-of-Origin Labeling</b>	COOL in effect, awaiting new rule announcement to comply with WTO.	No changes.	Includes a direction to conduct a study on COOL
<b>Packers and Stockyards Act/ Livestock Competition</b>	Several poultry rules allowed to proceed from the 2010 Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards (GIPSA) rulemaking process.	No changes.	Includes provision to repeal Section 1106 of 2008 Farm Bill and undercuts enforcement
<b>Interstate Commerce</b>		No changes.	Included amendment that would make it illegal for a state to restrict sales of products based on production standards
<b>Catfish Provision</b>		No changes.	To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal the USDA program establishing an inspection and grading program for catfish.