



National
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2024 FALL
LEGISLATIVE

FLY-IN



THE FARM BILL

Family farmers and ranchers need the certainty of a new five-year farm bill this year. Increasing input costs and interest rates, declining net farm income, growing concentration in the agriculture sector, and more frequent and devastating natural disasters mean **farmers can't wait – the time for a new family farmer-focused farm bill is now.**

The farm bill is a food bill. A five-year farm bill supports the economic health of family farmers and our communities as well as food security for families nationwide.

**We can't miss this opportunity.
Congress: pass the farm bill this year.**

Ensure Fairness for Farmers

- ✓ Increase price discovery and transparency in cattle markets
- ✓ Require mandatory COOL for beef
- ✓ Strengthen enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act
- ✓ Promote diverse and value-added market opportunities and livestock processing

Strengthen the farm safety net

- ✓ Boost permanent disaster assistance
- ✓ Expand crop insurance options
- ✓ Allow dual enrollment for ARC and PLC
- ✓ Stem the loss of family dairy farms

Address climate change and improve soil health

- ✓ Protect IRA investments and support voluntary conservation and renewable energy programs
- ✓ Incentivize farmers to implement practices that increase resilience and decrease risk

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Agriculture faces a monopoly crisis that limits access to fair, open, and competitive markets for family farmers, ranchers, and our communities.



**FAIRNESS FOR
FARMERS**

We support:

- ✓ Finalizing strong Packers & Stockyards Act rules to protect family livestock producers and increasing funding for P&S Act enforcement at USDA
- ✓ Fully restoring the Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act to provide the DOJ Antitrust Division with the funding needed to enforce antitrust laws
- ✓ Guaranteeing farmers the Right to Repair our own farm equipment and the option to bring our equipment to the mechanic of our choosing

RENEWABLE ENERGY FUTURE

Lawmakers should continue to promote the growth of clean, value-added, renewable transportation fuels by removing barriers to higher blends of ethanol and supporting advanced biofuels.

AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE

The H-2A temporary agricultural visa program helps farmers secure their workforce, but rising program wage rates are making hiring unaffordable. We support temporarily freezing the Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR) while pursuing broader H-2A and agricultural workforce reforms.

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