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National Farmers Union Legislative Fly-In

Family farmers are asking for a fair shake.

Family farmers and ranchers are in a genuine crisis. Farm policy hasn't kept pace with the challenges of today. Farmers don't need temporary fixes or tweaks around the edges; they need a system they can count on. Congress has an opportunity to rethink how farm policy works — and build something stronger.

Farm Safety Net

The net still exists, but the holes have grown until it no longer catches the people it was built for. It was designed for a different era of farming, when costs, inputs, and risks looked nothing like they do now. A real safety net reflects the present reality, not decades-old formulas.

Fair Markets

When a handful of corporations control the market, both ends of the supply chain get squeezed: family farmers get paid less for what they produce and families pay more for groceries. Fair competition lowers costs for families and raises returns for farmers.

Honest Labels

Consumers deserve to know where their beef comes from, and family ranchers deserve credit for raising it. Right now, meat raised and slaughtered overseas can be repackaged and sold as a product of the USA, leaving families in the dark about what they're buying.

Domestic Markets

Family farmers need every market working for them — strong demand at home and export markets that deliver a fair return. Overreliance on volatile foreign trade leaves farmers exposed; building durable markets, domestic and international, keeps more dollars in farmers' pockets and rural communities.



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A farm bill that works for family farmers is achievable. The 2026 Farm Bill is an opportunity to make progress towards this goal while preparing for major reforms in the year ahead.

Farmers Union members urge you to pass a farm bill this year that:

- Reinstates mandatory country-of-origin labeling (COOL)
- Funds local food purchasing
- Protects and enforces Packers and Stockyards Act rules
- Secures year-round nationwide E15
- Establishes the Inventory Management Soil Enhancement Tool (IMSET) so farmers can respond to low commodity prices while building soil health
- Brings down input costs
- Reverses cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Fully funds voluntary conservation programs
- Ensures dairy farmers receive a fair price for their milk
- Improves farmers' access to credit and provides debt relief
- Fully staffs USDA
- Increases funding for the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN)

