Farm Bill Reauthorization

Bill Contents and Key Players

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What’s *in* the Farm Bill?

I. Commodities
II. Conservation
III. Trade
IV. Nutrition
V. Credit
VI. Rural Development
VII. Research, Extension, and Related Matters
VIII. Forestry
IX. Energy
X. Horticulture
XI. Crop Insurance
XII. Miscellaneous
What’s *in* the Farm Bill? (continued)

I. **Table of Contents/Title** (authorizing language, public law, date passed, etc.)
II. **Title** (primary policy area)
III. **Subtitles** (references back to older public law)
IV. **Parts** (indicates divisions w/in a subtitle)
V. **Sections** (purpose of programs, agency responsible, definitions, amendments, program administration, etc.)
Public Law 115–334
115th Congress

An Act

To provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018”.
(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec.  1. Short title; table of contents.
Sec.  2. Definition of Secretary.

TITLE I—COMMODITIES

Subtitle A—Commodity Policy

Sec.  1101. Definition of effective reference price.
Sec.  1102. Base acres.
Sec.  1103. Payment yields.
Sec.  1104. Payment acres.
Sec.  1105. Producer election.
Sec.  1106. Price loss coverage.
Sec.  1107. Agriculture risk coverage.
Sec.  1108. Repeal of transition assistance for producers of upland cotton.

Subtitle B—Marketing Loans

Sec.  1201. Extensions.
Sec.  1202. Loan rates for nonrecourse marketing assistance loans.
Sec.  1203. Economic adjustment assistance for textile mills.
Sec.  1204. Special competitive provisions for extra long staple cotton.
Sec.  1205. Availability of recourse loans.

Subtitle C—Sugar

Sec.  1301. Sugar policy.

Subtitle D—Dairy Margin Coverage and Other Dairy Related Provisions

Sec.  1401. Dairy margin coverage.
Sec.  1402. Reauthorizations.
Sec.  1403. Class I skim milk price.
Sec.  1404. Dairy product donation.
Example: Miscellaneous Title (Title XII)

Subtitle A. Livestock
Subtitle B. Agriculture and Food Defense
Subtitle C. Historically Underserved Producers
Subtitle D. Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994
Subtitle E. Other Miscellaneous Provisions
What’s not in the Farm Bill?

Farmer and Farmer worker labor (Dept. of Labor)

Public Land Grazing (Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Land Management)

Water Access and Rights (Dept. of Interior)

Food Safety (primarily Food and Drug Administration)


Supplemental Program for Women, Infants, and Children (USDA FNS) (*Child Nutrition Reauthorization / Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010*)

Air Quality (Environmental Protection Agency)
Key players in the reauthorization process

- Senate Agriculture Committee
- US Dept. of Agriculture
- White House
- US Department of Agriculture
- House Agriculture Committee
- Chairs and Ranking Members
- Key Marker Bill Leads
- Interest Groups

**2023 Farm Bill Reauthorization**
Deep Dive into Interest Groups

- Trade Associations
- Anti-Hunger and Nutrition
- Public Health
- Conservation and Environment
- Racial Justice
- Biofuels
- Native/Tribal Interests
- Rural and Economic Development

- Universities / Land-Grant Institutions
- Banks and Insurance providers
- Farmer Nonprofits
- Think tanks
- Supply chain interests
Example of Bipartisan/Bicameral Marker Bill

Strengthening Local Processing Act (SPLA) (Intro’d 2021 and 2023)

- Livestock and poultry supply chain issues
- Strengthens local food systems
- Support for small meat and poultry processors

Support from:

- Senator John Thune (R-SD)
- Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
- Representative Chellie Pingree (D-ME)
- Representative Jim Baird (R-IN)
Staying Connected

Congressional Briefing Next Tuesday

- May 2nd, **9:30am - 12pm**, Russell Senate Office Building Rm 385
- Berkeley Food Institute, Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund, and American University
- **Panelists:**
  - Carla Moore, Federation of Southern Cooperatives / Land Assistance
  - April Love, SDFR Policy Research Center, Alcorn State University
  - David Howard, National Young Farmers Coalition
  - 1-2 more panelists
  - Moderated by Nina F. Ichikawa, Berkeley Food Institute

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Thank you!