



# 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

Dec. 20, 2018  
[H.R. 2]

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,*

Agriculture  
Improvement Act of 2018.

7 USC 9001 note.

**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

### TITLE XII—MISCELLANEOUS

#### Subtitle A—Livestock

- Sec. 12101. Animal disease prevention and management.
- Sec. 12102. Sheep production and marketing grant program.
- Sec. 12103. Feasibility study on livestock dealer statutory trust.
- Sec. 12104. Definition of livestock.
- Sec. 12105. National Aquatic Animal Health Plan.
- Sec. 12106. Veterinary training.
- Sec. 12107. Report on FSIS guidance and outreach to small meat processors.
- Sec. 12108. Regional Cattle and Carcass Grading Correlation and Training Centers.

#### Subtitle B—Agriculture and Food Defense

- Sec. 12201. Repeal of Office of Homeland Security.
- Sec. 12202. Office of Homeland Security.
- Sec. 12203. Agriculture and food defense.
- Sec. 12204. Biological agents and toxins list.
- Sec. 12205. Authorization of appropriations.

#### Subtitle C—Historically Underserved Producers

- Sec. 12301. Farming opportunities training and outreach.
- Sec. 12302. Urban agriculture.
- Sec. 12303. Tribal Advisory Committee.
- Sec. 12304. Beginning farmer and rancher coordination.
- Sec. 12305. Agricultural youth organization coordinator.
- Sec. 12306. Availability of Department of Agriculture programs for veteran farmers and ranchers.

#### Subtitle D—Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 Amendments

- Sec. 12401. Office of Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs.
- Sec. 12402. Military Veterans Agricultural Liaison.
- Sec. 12403. Civil rights analyses.
- Sec. 12404. Farm Service Agency.
- Sec. 12405. Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.
- Sec. 12406. Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement.
- Sec. 12407. Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.
- Sec. 12408. Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service.
- Sec. 12409. Rural Health Liaison.
- Sec. 12410. Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Sec. 12411. Office of the Chief Scientist.
- Sec. 12412. Appointment of national appeals division hearing officers.
- Sec. 12413. Trade and foreign agricultural affairs.
- Sec. 12414. Repeals.
- Sec. 12415. Technical corrections.
- Sec. 12416. Termination of authority.

#### 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)

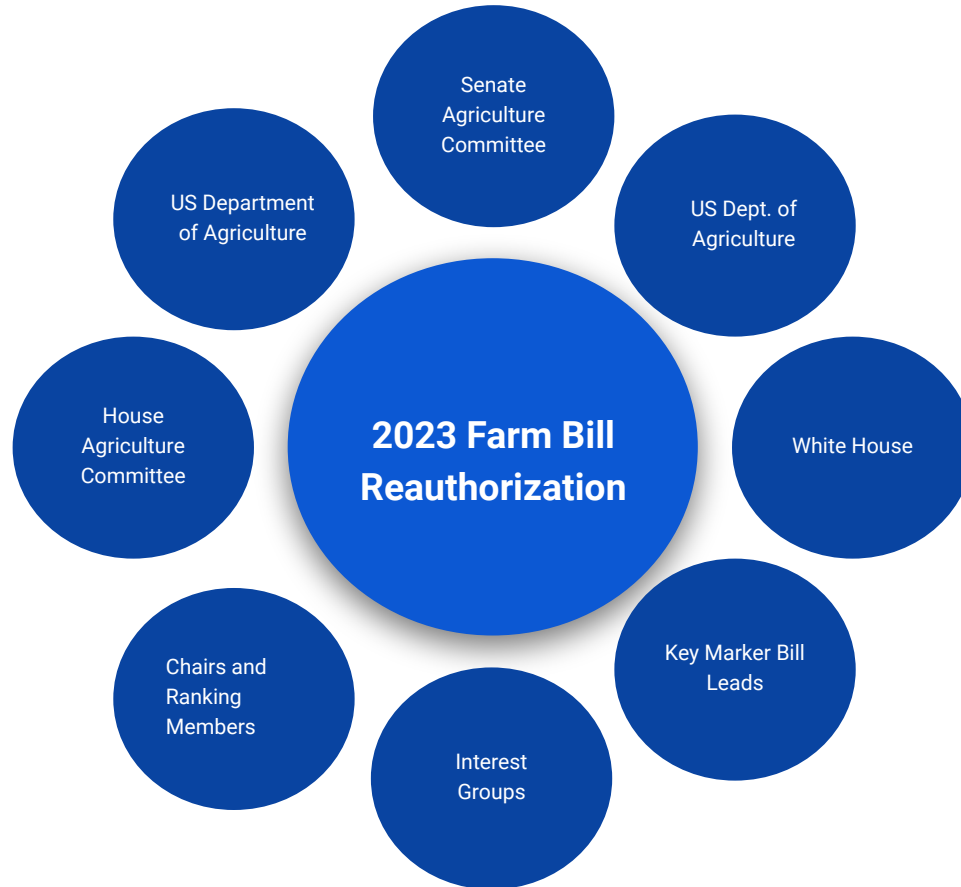
**Food Safety** (primarily Food and Drug Administration)

**Schools Meals (USDA FNS)** (*Child Nutrition Reauthorization, Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010*)

**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



# 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!

