

Farm Bill Requests

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General Requests

A new farm bill is long overdue. America's producers, agricultural communities, and conservation delivery system require support, certainty, and policy change. Pass a bipartisan farm bill that supports producers and bolsters locally led conservation and:

- Retains historic conservation investments from the OBBBA in the Conservation Title.
- Includes statutory language to review conservation payment rates in response to rising prices.
- Addresses barriers to conservation program participation and provide for additional outreach.
- Avoids one-size-fits-all policies within programs.
- Supports the availability and administration of local technical assistance and conservation planning.
- Reforms the Technical Service Provider Program to ensure it is a reliable option for producers seeking qualified technical assistance.



Program Specific Requests

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- Annually update conservation practices, enhancements, activities, and bundles.
- Allow criteria determinations and selections to be made at the local level.
- Support new and additional conservation practices within an operation.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

- Provide the highest payment rates for marginal lands.
- Re-establish incentive payments to ensure CRP is an attractive option for farmers.
- Increase the CRP payment limit to \$125,000 per year.
- Expand producers' ability to utilize haying and grazing.

Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP)

- Support conservation incentive contracts.

Forestry

- Support Good Neighbor Authority, the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, Forest Stewardship Program, and State and Private Forestry programs.
- Support wildfire mitigation, disaster assistance, urban forestry, and historically underserved communities.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

- Require RCPP sponsors to work with conservation districts and Local Working Groups.
- Streamline and clarify RCPP's application, contracting, and implementation processes.

Small Watershed and Flood Prevention Program (PL-566)

- Increase the Federal cost-share for rehabilitation projects and streamline program delivery.

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