



FARM BILL PRIORITIES

Prioritize Working Lands Conservation and Preserve Commodity Programs

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OVERVIEW

NGFA's farm bill priorities are focused on agricultural economic growth. The certainty that a farm bill provides to our industry's farmer-customers, including preserving a strong federal crop insurance program, is extremely important.

Conservation programs like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) help producers enhance natural resources and improve their business operations. Prioritizing these working lands conservation programs promotes sustainability and keeps U.S. agriculture competitive.

Prioritize Working Lands Conservation

- Congress should increase investments in working lands conservation programs and ensure the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prioritizes EQIP and CSP.
- The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage cap should not be increased from 27 million acres.
- USDA conservation programs should target the most environmentally sensitive portions of farms.
- Congress should build on the positive CRP rental rate reforms in the 2018 farm bill to prevent the federal government from competing against beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers for land.

Preserve Farm Bill Provisions That Work

- Support the **Agriculture Export Promotion Act of 2023** (HR 648) and **Expanding Agricultural Exports Act** (S. 176) to increase funding to USDA export promotion programs - the Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development Program (FMDP).
- Crop insurance should be preserved as a primary risk management tool.
- Commodity programs should be market driven and not influence planting decisions.

NGFA MEMBERS

- Handle U.S. grains and oilseeds in domestic and export markets.
- Encompass all sectors of the industry and represent small and large companies, privately owned businesses and cooperatives.
- Include country elevators, feed mills, export elevators, cash grain and feed merchandisers, commodity futures brokers and commission merchants, end users of grain and grain products, and allied industries.

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Advocate a global open market environment to efficiently produce and provide a safe, abundant, affordable, sustainable and wholesome supply of grain, oilseeds, feed and related products responsive to market demand.

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