



Farm Bill

The Farm Bill—a massive piece of federal legislation—is up for renewal in 2023. The Farm Bill is an omnibus bill governing policy in many areas related to the agricultural sector, including farm income support, food assistance, trade, and more. This bill is renewed on a regular basis, about every five years. This gives policymakers an opportunity to regularly address agricultural policy issues. The US has passed 18 farm bills, the most recent being the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. The current farm bill that's now in effect expires in September of 2023.

In light of the steep, ongoing downturn in the farm economy, growing farm debt, increased input costs, supply chain disruptions, and high commodity prices, it is more important now than ever that the 2023 Farm Bill accounts for the needs of American farmers and ranchers.

- **Balancing conservation and safety net programs is important** - farmers and ranchers need something better than the existing ad hoc programs and they must recognize the diversity of farming operations. **We're not all corn and soybean farmers**
- With the war in Ukraine, **producers will need the flexibility to increase production** to help make up the gap left by reduced/nonexistent UK and RU exports.
- Livestock producers are depending on the development of programs that provide support to their operations.
- **There is no point in creating and funding programs if the relevant agencies are unable to enroll and administrate those programs due to lack of staff.**

