

# FARM BILL 101

A conservation-forward Farm Bill is crucial to protecting God’s creation, defending our kids’ health, and safeguarding our families, farmers, and food systems from climate-fueled disasters.

## WHAT IS THE FARM BILL?



EVERY FIVE YEARS, CONGRESS MUST REAUTHORIZE THE U.S. FARM BILL. IN SEPTEMBER 2023, THE CURRENT FARM BILL EXPIRED BUT WAS EXTENDED. IT IS CRITICAL A NEW FARM BILL BE FINALIZED THIS YEAR!



The Farm Bill authorizes hundreds of billions of dollars in funding for everything from crop insurance for America’s farmers to food assistance for hungry families. It also includes \$6 billion in annual conservation funding to improve soil health, increase water quality, conserve wildlife habitats, and harness the power of God’s creation to build resilience to climate-fueled extreme weather and lock away soil-enriching carbon. Through the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, a critical \$20 billion reinvestment was made to the Farm Bill’s conservation programs to address longstanding backlogs due to previous funding cuts.

## WHY DO CHRISTIANS CARE?



### Supporting Farmers as Leaders

The Farm Bill must recognize farmers as leaders and provide them the resources required to lead us into a more sustainable future.



### Stewarding God’s Creation

Farm Bill conservation programs incentivize sustainable practices and use God’s creation to improve our environment and safeguard against climate-fueled disasters.



### Increase Farm Profitability

Conservation practices like those in the Farm Bill can reduce crop production costs and increase long-term farm profits.



### Advancing Food Security

Climate-fueled extreme weather and fossil fuel price shocks are driving food prices higher. Adoption of conservation practices can make our food system more resilient and break the “fossil fuel/food price” cycle.

## WHAT’S IN THE FARM BILL?



## WHAT ARE FARMERS SAYING?

- 1 Keep new conservation benefits for farmers fully intact and stop efforts to repurpose conservation funds to other areas
- 2 Advance on-farm data collection and monitoring of soil and water health
- 3 Help conservation programs and incentives actually reach farmers by investing in technical assistance, staffing, public-private partnerships, and peer-to-peer information exchanges
- 4 Reduce barriers for conservation on rented lands and increase support for next generation, beginner, young, and underrepresented farmers to acquire land
- 5 Make a bold investment in transformational resilient agriculture research

**“HEAVEN ON EARTH”**  
Ray Gaesser describes being a farmer as a privilege with the responsibility to care for the land to serve God and His community.

## WHY A CONSERVATION-FORWARD FARM BILL?

Previous cuts to conservation programs have limited farmers’ access to support for kickstarting sustainable agriculture. Now, farmers are already benefiting from the Inflation Reduction Act’s \$20 billion reinvestment in these high-demand programs that...



**DEFEND ACCESS TO CONSERVATION PROGRAMS**



**ENSURE FOOD SECURITY**



**SUPPORT FARM FAMILIES**



**ADVANCE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE INNOVATIONS**



**ENCOURAGE STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S CREATION**



**BUILD RESILIENCE**

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?



Show your support for our farmers by sending a message to policymakers about the important benefits regenerative agriculture practices hold for farmers and God’s creation. Visit [CreationCare.org/FarmBill](https://CreationCare.org/FarmBill) or scan the QR code below.



**TAKE ACTION NOW!**

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