

# Hope, Opportunity and Fairness for All



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## The Farm Bill.

Legislation that touches every American and millions of people living in extreme poverty throughout the world. **Today's federal policy no longer reflects the vision** that inspired Congress to create the Farm Bill in the 1930s: fairness, opportunity, and the conviction that farmers who grow our food and care for the land should not suffer—nor should anyone go hungry—when economic times are tough.

Today, 10% of commodity farmers receive nearly 70% of all commodity payments, while **most farmers receive no support** and many family farms have a hard time making ends meet. For those who struggle to put food on the table, the Food Stamp Program within the **Farm Bill provides only \$1 per meal**. Programs to strengthen rural communities and conserve the land are also given short shrift—all so wealthy farm operators can continue to receive direct commodity payments—even when crop prices are at record highs.

**It doesn't have to be this way.** This week, the Senate has the opportunity to put our nation's fundamental values back into the Farm Bill. **We urge senators to vote YES** for amendments that would:

- **Establish meaningful payment limitations** which would target financial support to farmers who need it, while closing the loopholes that allow some operations to receive multiple payments.
- **Eliminate trade-distorting subsidies.** We applaud efforts to create a modern safety net for our nation's farmers that will help revitalize rural communities and enable farmers in developing countries to sell their crops for a fair price.
- Ensure that **savings from reforms in commodity programs lead to adequate and nutritious diets** for all and provide for critical conservation and rural development programs.

**Pass a Farm Bill that provides hope, opportunity and fairness for all. It's the right thing to do.**

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