

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

KEY PRIORITIES

MODERNIZES THE FARM SAFETY NET TO ENSURE PRODUCERS HAVE RISK MANAGEMENT TOOLS THAT REFLECT THE CURRENT AND PROJECTED ECONOMIC CHALLENGES THEY FACE.

Our framework answers the call to put “more farm in the farm bill” by significantly updating the risk management tools farmers rely on to navigate economic challenges and uncertainties. Every covered commodity, in every region, will see meaningful reference price increases by an average of 15 percent. We improve crop insurance coverage and affordability while maintaining access to Title I programs.

RESTORES U.S. LEADERSHIP IN THE GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETPLACE AND REPOSITIONS U.S. PRODUCERS AS THE WORLD'S EXPORT LEADERS.

We double funding for the farm bill's premiere trade programs to help increase our competitiveness overseas. This infusion of funding is desperately needed considering we are projected to see a record \$32 billion agricultural trade deficit this year.

CREATES RURAL COMMUNITIES THE NEXT GENERATION CHOOSES TO CALL HOME.

We make significant investments in small business development, broadband expansion, and water and energy infrastructure programs across rural America – as well as dedicated funding to increase access to healthcare, childcare and public safety – to help rural communities attract and retain talent.

JUMP-STARTS CHRONICALLY UNDERFUNDED AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES, ALLOWING THE U.S. TO RECLAIM OUR RIGHTFUL PLACE AT THE FOREFRONT OF INNOVATION.

Our framework directly responds to U.S. agriculture's greatest long-term need by doubling farm bill research funding. Agricultural research programs spur innovation and productivity – allowing farmers to produce greater volumes in a more cost-efficient and environmentally friendly manner.

FACILITATES A HISTORIC EXPANSION OF POPULAR CONSERVATION PROGRAMS, ENSURING PRODUCERS ACHIEVE STEWARDSHIP GOALS WHILE BEST ADDRESSING THEIR UNIQUE AND VARIED NEEDS.

We make a historic investment to help farmers, ranchers and foresters meet their diverse conservation needs, amounting to an increase of more than 25 percent every single year moving forward while making sure its programs continue to empower producers to make the best decisions to meet the resource concerns of their operation.

ENSURES VITAL NUTRITION PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO DELIVER RELIEF TO THOSE IN NEED WITHOUT ANY BENEFIT CUTS OR ELIMINATION OF INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is an important tool for Americans in need to help bridge the gap and put food on the table when times get tough. Our framework ensures not one SNAP participant will see a single benefit cut. Program benefits will continue to adjust annually for inflation. Anyone who is currently eligible for the program will remain eligible. We protect the program's integrity by restoring Congress' constitutional spending authority and by taking steps to reduce states' SNAP payment errors.

EMPOWERS THE NEXT GENERATION OF FARMERS TO TAKE THE REINS BY HELPING THEM HARNESS OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SUCCEED.

The average age of an American farmer is 58.1 years old. Our framework will help make agriculture an attractive and economically viable career option for the next generation by making crop insurance more affordable for beginning farmers and ranchers and by offering beginning farmers without, or with minimal, base acres a path to participate in safety net programs.

