

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

TITLE III - TRADE

The Senate Republican Farm Bill Framework for Title III makes historic, critically needed investments in trade promotion programs, seeking to address the largest agricultural trade deficit in U.S. history and historic inflation. These investments enable U.S. producers to personally engage in the development of foreign markets.

- **Doubles funding** for USDA's premier trade promotion programs, the **Market Access Program** and the **Foreign Market Development Program**, which have not seen increases since the 2002 Farm Bill.
- Addresses barriers to trade by directing USDA and Office of the United States Trade Representative to defend the use of **common food names** in foreign markets and strengthening USDA reporting on **specialty crop export competitiveness**.
- Establishes a new technical assistance program to **improve infrastructure** including cold chain capacity and port improvements to **facilitate expanded trade opportunities** to emerging markets.
- Continues the authority for **Export Credit Guarantee Program**.

It protects the dual purpose of international food assistance programs: meeting global food security needs while supporting U.S. producers by keeping commodities at the core of these programs. International food assistance fosters goodwill abroad and builds future export markets for U.S. producers.

- Reauthorizes the **McGovern-Dole Food for Education Program** and the **Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust**.
- Preserves the role of U.S. farmers in addressing global hunger by **reserving at least 50%** of the overall Food for Peace (FFP) funding for commodities and ocean shipping costs.
- Adds **specialized nutrition products** to eligible agricultural commodities and combatting **child wasting** to the FFP purpose statement.
- Tightens the waiver authority and requires the dollar amount of any commodity shortfall be carried over to the next year.
- Prohibits the entirety of Food for Progress funding from being awarded to a single entity or country, **ensuring access to opportunities for diverse and new cooperators**.

