

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

TITLE X - HORTICULTURE

The Senate Republican Farm Bill Framework for Title X delivers programmatic integrity, drives science-based solutions ensuring existing programs work for U.S. producers and enables access to the tools producers need to compete on a level playing field in the global marketplace. The Republican framework keeps U.S. farmers at the forefront of agricultural innovation by decreasing bureaucratic red tape, maintaining a science- and risk-based regulatory landscape and promoting greater coordination within and between our regulatory agencies. Combined, these improvements not only benefit specialty crop producers and U.S. agricultural production at-large, but they also mitigate many of the pest, disease and market risks U.S. producers face.

- Provides funding increases to the successful **Specialty Crop Block Grant Program**.
- Improves the **Local Agriculture Market Program** by requiring stakeholder input to develop a simplified application and reporting process and maintains current funding.
- Maintains current funding for the **Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program** and the **National Clean Plant Network**.
- Provides annual increases to the authorization of appropriations for the **National Organic Program**.
- Continues mandatory funding for several programs that support the organic agriculture sector including the **National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program** and directs an efficacy study to ensure the **National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program** is not unnecessarily and unreasonably increasing the cost of organic certification.
- Ensures certain **Plant Incorporated Protectants** and **Plant Biostimulants** have a reliable pathway to the marketplace.
- Reauthorizes and provides increased funding for the **Multiple Crop and Pesticide Use Survey** and reauthorizes the **Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Interagency Working Group** to deliver accurate data and real-world solutions to regulatory agencies.
- Restates and reaffirms U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) obligation with respect to the federal and state regulatory process.
- Strengthens the role of **USDA's Office of Pest Management Policy** within EPA's registration and review process.
- Restores the authority for Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to appropriately administer the **Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection Program Reserve Fee** to help prevent the introduction of future animal or plant pests and diseases.

