

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

TITLE XII - MISCELLANEOUS

The Senate Republican Farm Bill Framework for Title XII bolsters animal health programs, supports livestock, poultry and seafood processing and defends animal agriculture production.

To protect our food and national security, the Republican framework modernizes and bolsters the severely outdated Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA). This modernization will help ensure compliance with reporting requirements and provides a clearer picture of the scope and scale of the issues foreign ownership of U.S. farmland poses to our country.

Animal Health, Livestock Management, and Meat, Poultry, and Seafood Processing

- Doubles mandatory funding for critical **animal health programs** and **improves assistance for poultry growers** impacted by business interruption stemming from avian influenza.
- Bolsters USDA efforts to **prevent foreign animal diseases** from entering the United States with **necessary electronic documentation** for the importation of dogs and authority for the **National Detector Dog Training Center**.
- Encourages USDA and USTR to preemptively negotiate **regionalization agreements** with key trading partners in response to animal disease outbreaks.
- Provides new funding opportunities and regulatory guidance for **small meat and poultry processing and rendering** establishments and includes enhancements to the **Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program**.
- Requires USDA to publish food safety criteria for meat and poultry processors to operate at **increased line speeds** and ensures that processors who meet the criteria can operate at these speeds.
- Creates a narrow pathway for the **online interstate sale** of certain state-inspected meat and poultry products directly to consumers.
- Allows **livestock markets to invest** in certain meat packers.
- Provides long-term reauthorization for **Livestock Mandatory Reporting**.
- Continues funding for the **Sheep Production and Marketing Grant Program**.
- Directs USDA to carry out a study on the **production and marketing** of livestock.
- Protects the ability of livestock producers to raise and sell products into **interstate commerce without interference from other states**.
- Establishes a **seafood liaison** at USDA to improve coordination on seafood policy.
- Adds certain **crab and salmon products** to USDA's Country of Origin Labeling program.
- Directs USDA to carry out a study to evaluate methods to **expand processing of U.S.-caught seafood** in coastal communities.



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Foreign Ownership of U.S. Agricultural Land

- Expands **AFIDA reporting requirements** to include security interests and long-term leaseholds.
- Codifies the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 direction to **establish an electronic filing process and disclosure database** and directs USDA to make the necessary data public.
- Lifts the cap on penalties for not filing timely reports and sets a 15% Fair Market Value minimum.
- Allows the Secretary to use the funds collected from penalties for **AFIDA enforcement**.
- **Strengthens USDA outreach** efforts to enhance public awareness of AFIDA reporting requirements.
- Requires an **annual audit of AFIDA reports**.
- **Bolsters training** for USDA state and county level staff on AFIDA.
- Requires annual reports to Congress on AFIDA data and foreign influence in agriculture and a report to assess Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) referral capacity.
- Directs the Secretary to **implement several GAO recommendations** on strengthening the integrity and precision of AFIDA data and monitoring processes, as well as coordination with CFIUS member agencies.

Other Republican Framework Priorities

- Creates a new pathway at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the **approval of new and innovative feed additive products** that improve efficiency in meat and dairy production.
- **Provides additional options** for students by **allowing nonfat, reduced fat and full fat milk** in school meals.
- Extends the **Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant Program**.
- Continues mandatory funding for the **Pima Agriculture Cotton Trust Fund**, the **Wool Apparel Manufacturers Trust Fund** and **Wool Research and Promotion Trust Fund**.
- Continues support for the domestic maple syrup industry, a key sector in the Northeast U.S., by reauthorizing the **ACER Access and Development Program**.
- Increases the authorization of funding for **Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives** that support the development, production, marketing and distribution of dairy products.

