



# TAKE ACTION!



Let your Representative know this version of the Farm Bill is unacceptable!

# Farm Bill 2018



## Conservation

This version of the Farm Bill **erases** support for resource stewardship on **70 million acres** (that's an area the size of Nevada!) of working farm and rangeland by completely **eliminating the Conservation Stewardship Program**.

This voluntary program is overwhelmingly popular with farmers for its ability to improve the health of the land's soil, water, and profitability.

**To help farmers protect natural resources and farm sustainably, the House Agriculture Committee must reverse the elimination of CSP.**



## Local Food

This version of the Farm Bill **abandons** local farmers by **eliminating all funding** for three crucial programs:

**\*Without the Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program,** farmers markets and food hubs will lose critical resources.

**\*Without the Value-Added Producer Grant Program,** farmers will have a harder time growing their businesses by bringing in new sources of income.

**\*With the elimination of the National Organic Cost Share Program,** smaller organic farms may not have the support they need to afford to be certified organic.

*To put us back on track towards a better food future where local farmers feed healthy communities, Congress must RESTORE FUNDING for these critical local food systems programs.*



## Beginning and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers

This version of the Farm Bill misses an opportunity to invest more - and more effectively - in beginning farmers, military veteran farmers, and farmers of color.

While it maintains critical funding for the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (Section 2501), *it fails to restore funding cuts from the last farm bill.*

The core program for beginning farmer training - the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program - also misses out on a needed funding increase.



## What Can You Do?

**Contact your Representative right now with an email or phone call and tell them these critical issues must be fixed in the farm bill.**

More information at:  
[www.WildFarmAlliance.org/farm\\_bill\\_2018](http://www.WildFarmAlliance.org/farm_bill_2018)

