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<b>I. Renewing American Agriculture</b>			
<i>Farm Bill titles: Commodity, Credit, Rural Development, Research, Horticulture*, Livestock**, Miscellaneous</i>	Overview: No structural change to Commodity programs or competition-related laws; increased support for new farmers, farmers markets, value-added, organic	Overview: Extends Commodity programs; introduces new, optional Average Crop Revenue (ACR) program; includes Specialty Crop provisions	
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$15 million a year mandatory (authorized but not funded in last Farm Bill). Sec. 11204</li> <li>• Language includes a 25% set aside for SDFRs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorized with discretionary funding at \$30million annually. Section 7305.</li> <li>• Language includes a 25% set aside for SDFRs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combine House \$15 million annual mandatory funding, but with Senate language</li> </ul>
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Credit Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BFR loan set-aside</li> <li>• Down Payment Loan Program and Contract Land Sales Program improved and expanded. Sec. 5003.</li> <li>• No increase in loan authorization levels</li> <li>• No Individual Development Account pilot program</li> <li>• Conservation Loan priority for BFR, SDFR, and organic, but also eliminates direct loans). Sec. 5001</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BFR loan set-aside (same as House)</li> <li>• Down Payment Loan Program and Contract Land Sales Program same as House but with lower interest rate.</li> <li>• Loan authorization levels increased</li> <li>• Individual Development Account pilot program authorized at \$10 million annually</li> <li>• Conservation Loan priority for BFR, SDFR, and organic (same as House), but priority in EQIP for loan applicants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain priority to socially SDFR/BFR in credit programs, including conservation loans</li> <li>• Down Payment Loan – use House language</li> <li>• Individual Development Accounts use Senate, but with \$5 million in annual mandatory funding</li> <li>• Loan authorization – use Senate language</li> <li>• Conservation loans – Use Senate language</li> </ul>

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Farmers Market Promotion Program / EBT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory funding at \$35 million over five years, with \$5m annually FY08-010 and \$10m annually FY11-12; not less than 10% for EBT. Sec. 10403.</li> <li>• Renamed "FMAP" (Farmer Marketing Assistance Program)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory funding at \$30 million over five years (\$5m annually in FY08-FY11, \$10million in FY12). Sec. 1812.</li> <li>• EBT addressed in Nutrition title with \$5 million available one-time for grants to states or NGO-government partnerships to train markets to accept EBT and provide equipment. (no mention of wireless technology). Sec. 4210.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House preferable, but neutral on \$5million for EBT</li> </ul>
Organic Conversion	\$50M for organic transition until expended discretionary; allows farmers \$10,000 per year for up to 3 years. Sec. 10303	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Included as part of EQIP, capped at \$80,000 per farmer. Section 2360</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Senate language, but house 50% of allocation for TA</li> </ul>
Value Added Producer Grant Program	\$30 million annual mandatory; focus on small and medium-sized farms; 10% set aside for value chain networks; 10% set aside for beginning and minority farmers. Section 6027.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discretionary funding only</li> <li>• Language nearly same as House, except priority for BFR, SDFR and small operations; more focus on local food systems and less on value chain development</li> <li>• Priority, not set-aside for SDFRs. Section 6401.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combine House and Senate and increase funding to 2002 level (\$40m annually in mandatory funds)</li> </ul>
Improve enforceability of competitive markets (not core FFPP priority)	Minor changes on arbitration rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entire Livestock section in Title X, includes a Special Counsel on Ag. Competition; stronger Packer/Stockyard enforcement including definition of "livestock ownership"; does not require mandatory arbitration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt Senate changes, with some modifications</li> </ul>
Interstate shipment of state inspected meat (not	Allows meat certified by state inspections which are "identical" to	Allows small (<25 employees) state-inspected plants to sell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senate version</li> </ul>

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core FFPP priority)	the federal inspection regime to be shipped across state lines. Sec. 11103	interstate under federal laws if “at least equal to” federal standards; creates pathway for medium (25-34 employees) plants to transition to federal inspection. Sec. 11067	
Payment limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1M Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) cap to receive payments, above \$500K AGI requires 66% of income to be from farming for payment eligibility</li> <li>• Uncaps marketing loans</li> <li>• Direct payment cap increased from \$40K to \$60K</li> <li>• Counter cyclical \$65,000/year</li> <li>• Allows not more than \$60K from one program, total of up to \$120K per year per farmer, combined with spouse/partner \$250K per year per farm</li> <li>• Three-entity rule reduced to two-entities; no more certificates and requires direct attribution</li> <li>• Limits apply to conservation programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGI cap: for FY09 \$1million/year unless 66.66% of income comes from farming; for FY10 onward AGI cap of \$750,000 unless more than 66.66% of income comes from farming (applies to DP, CCP, ML, LDP, Title 2, Title 7 programs)</li> <li>• Uncaps Marketing Loans</li> <li>• Direct payment limit \$40,000/year</li> <li>• Counter cyclical \$60,000/year</li> <li>• Conservation program cap at \$450,000; AGI cap of \$2.5million/year unless 66.66% of income is from farming</li> <li>• Removes three-entity rule and requires direct attribution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
National Organic Certification Cost Share Program (and other not FFPP core priority organic programs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organic cost-share - \$22 million mandatory over five years (Increase from \$5 million in last Farm Bill). Sec. 10301</li> <li>• Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI) up from \$3 million. (Note: Additional \$5 million a year to, additionally OREI received discretionary \$25 million) . Sec. 7310</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organic Cost-share – same as House. Sec. 1823</li> <li>• Organic Data - \$5million (one-time). Sec. 1821</li> <li>• Organic Research and Extension - \$16million annually (\$80m over five), up \$3m total from last farm bill. Sec. 7104</li> <li>• Organic Crop Insurance Issue – disallows higher than average</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House/Senate, but with Senate record-keeping</li> <li>• Senate, with House requirement for an implementation report</li> <li>• Research &amp; Extensions – use House language and Senate funding</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organic Data Initiative receives \$3 million over life of Farm Bill</li> <li>\$1 million set-aside a year for cost-share in Agricultural Management Assistance program continues, same as last Farm Bill.) Sec. 10302</li> <li>Sense of congress on organic research</li> </ul>	insurance premiums unless supported by real data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likely that Agricultural Management Assistance will still provide organic cost share funding</li> </ul>	
Average Crop Revenue (ACR) program (not FFPP core priority)	Included in a minimal form	Included for FY 10-12; produced significant budgetary savings . (begins sec. 1401)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

<b>II. Healthy Food and Communities</b>			
<i>Farm Bill titles: Nutrition, Rural Development, Horticulture*, Miscellaneous</i>	Overview: Increased Nutrition program funding by \$4.2B over five years (max benefit \$145/month); language included for school food procurement and food deserts	Overview: Increases Nutrition funding by \$4.3B, however distributes funding differently (Food Stamp max at \$140/month and increases school snack program above House levels).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Community Food Projects	Reauthorized as discretionary at \$30 million for FY08-12; removed mandatory funding; expanded purposes. Sec. 4027.	Mandatory funding of \$10 million annually for FY08-12. Sec. 4801.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep Senate funding level at \$10M annually</li> <li>Allow contracts to span 5 years instead of 3; no max. grant amount change</li> <li>Do not adopt other language changes</li> </ul>
Geographical Preference/Local Procurement	Clarifies that the Secretary shall encourage institutions receiving funds under the National School Lunch Act and Child Nutrition Act to purchase locally produced foods to the maximum extent possible,	Small, but significant differences from House version. Sec. 4902.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>House language</li> </ul>

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	including the use of geographic preference for the procurement of locally produced foods. Sec. 4304.		
“Locally Produced Agricultural Products” inclusion in Loan & Loan Guarantee Program	Priority in Rural Business and Industries Loan and Loan Guarantee program for local/regional processing & distribution. Sec. 6017.	More substantial language, with expanded purposes, including undeserved community definition and allowance of up to \$250,000 per project for use in urban areas. Sec. 6017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt modify Senate language which includes House language, but keeps Senate definitions of “local” and undeserved communities</li> <li>• If possible, allow an exception from the rural definition for enterprises which serve underserved communities. If not, adopt senate \$250,000 for retail and institutional facilities in non-rural areas.</li> </ul>
Local Food Systems Study (new)	Not included	Provides for case studies and report to establish a working definition of local food systems and assess key indicators including market share, gaps in processing, marketing, and distribution, and nutrition, community, energy, and environmental impacts; establishes a collaborative study team with membership from USDA, EPA, higher education institutions, farmers, and NGOs. Sec. 11089	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senate</li> </ul>
Healthy Food Enterprise Development program	The Secretary, through AMS, shall establish a program to provide information and grants up to \$250,000 each to entities to	The Secretary, through AMS, shall establish and support a Healthy Food Enterprise Development Center, at a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blend House and Senate language</li> <li>• Use Senate funding level</li> <li>• Include the House priority</li> </ul>

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	conduct feasibility studies for projects that target participation by socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, increase employment opportunities in underserved communities and support small and mid-sized farm opportunities in underserved communities. Sec. 10405	nonprofit organization, to provide information and sub-grants to increase access to healthy, affordable foods, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, particularly for school-age children and individuals in low-income communities. Provides \$7 million in mandatory funding (\$0 FY08, \$1 million in FY09, \$2 million in FY10-12). Sec. 1843	and reporting requirements for socially disadvantaged producers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locate in CSREES not AMS</li> </ul>
Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program	\$15 million a year mandatory remains same, allows additional annual discretionary funding of \$5M in '08 up to \$60M in '12 discretionary . Sec. 4401.	Increased to \$25 million annually in mandatory funds (total new funding \$50 million over five years). Sec. 4701.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senate funding level</li> </ul>
Food “Desert”/ “Access to Nutritious Foods” Study	Sense of Congress regarding food deserts. Sec. 7504.	Requires USDA Secretary to carry out a study of, areas in the U.S. with limited access to affordable and nutritious foods, with particular focus on predominantly lower income neighborhoods and communities. Sec. 7504	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modified Senate language</li> </ul>
Urban Agriculture	New grant program authorized with discretionary funding	Not Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aspects of the Clay amendment included in House Bill may be incorporated into the Healthy Food Enterprise Development Center</li> </ul>
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (not core FFPP)	Increased from \$9M annually to \$70M mandatory annually for 35 schools per state. Sec. 4303.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased to \$225 million per year (indexed to inflation) Sec. 4904.</li> <li>• 1% of funds go to each state and D.C. funding about 50-60 schools per state/district</li> <li>• Remaining funds distributed by proportion of state population to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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		US population, emphasis on low-income districts (in Nutrition Title)	
Other - Food Stamps (not Core FFPP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raises monthly benefit to \$145 and indexes for inflation</li> <li>• Eligibility changes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raises monthly benefit to \$140 and indexes for inflation</li> <li>• Eligibility changes</li> </ul>	
Other - (not Core FFPP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes a demonstration program “Initiative to Address Obesity Among Low-Income Americans” for obesity reduction pilots. Discretionary \$10m annually. Sec. 4023</li> <li>• Sense of Congress that school breakfast and lunch program should select foods to reduce the incidence of juvenile obesity and to maximize nutritional value</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilot Projects to evaluate Health and Nutrition Promotion in the Food Stamp Program (\$50 million mandatory). Sec. 4403</li> </ul>	

<b>III. Rural Entrepreneurship</b>			
<i>Farm Bill Title: Rural Development, Research</i>	Overview: Few changes, no major funding increases, except for Value Added Producer Grants; reauthorizes ATTRA	Overview: Includes many community provisions, including hospitals and water infrastructure; funding level and programs are still in negotiation	
Rural Entrepreneurship and Micro-enterprise Program	\$20 million annually discretionary. Sec. 6013	Funding level at \$40 million annually in mandatory funds with discretionary authority for additional funds through FY09-FY12. Sec. 7045	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Senate version and increase funding to \$75million annually</li> </ul>
Value-Added Producer Grant Program	(listed in section I)	(listed in section I)	(listed in section I)
ATTRA	New permanent authorization; \$5 million annual discretionary. Sec. 6011	Same as House. Sec. 6018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt identical language from both bills</li> </ul>

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Community-based Entrepreneurial Development Program	Not included	Not Included	•
Rural Entrepreneurship, Education and Enterprise Facilitation Program	Not included	Included in Research Title with discretionary funding authority. Sec. 7045	• Senate version

<b>IV. Conservation</b>			
<i>Farm Bill Titles: Conservation, Energy, Credit, Miscellaneous</i>	Overview: Increase Conservation funding, but removes CSP funding; increases renewable energy funding	Overview: Provides \$2b increase in five year budget authority; Creates an overarching program for EQIP and CSP called CSIP; funds CSP; increases renewable energy funding	•
Conservation Security Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• De-funded for FY08-FY12 (reduced by \$703 million over five years)</li> <li>• No new contracts until 2012</li> </ul> Significant program modifications, including greater inclusion of organic practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides \$1.28billion for CSP over ten years, with \$760m of out-year funding moved to FY08-FY12.</li> <li>• Includes provisions to better include and recognize organic agriculture</li> <li>• Reduces minimum priorities of concern in contracts</li> </ul>	• Meld authorizing language
Conservation Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partial 'sodsaver' in crop insurance title; removes crop insurance subsidy for four years on newly broken grassland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopts partial "sodsaver" provisions, prohibiting crop insurance payments on native sod conversions and allows 20 acres per field to be exempt from this provision</li> </ul>	• Senate plus further improvements
Cooperative Conservation Partnerships	Authorized to work within CSP, EQIP, WHIP; max 25% cost-share; 90% of funds allocated to state-level. Sec. 2403	Included as an initiative working across conservation programs; no less than 10% of total conservation funds for this use – 75% allocated to state level, 25% allocated for multi-state projects.	• Should be mandatory, have a minimum of 10% from the covered programs, and the covered programs should be as broad as possible

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		Sec. 2405(f)	
Beginning/SDFR (see also below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5% funding set aside for BFR and 5% for SDFR. Sec 2105(h)</li> <li>• EQIP 90% cost-share for BFR/SDFR. Sec. 2105(d)</li> <li>• CRP Transition Program for BFR/SDFR includes \$55million over ten years. 2101(h)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10% set-aside of total conservation funding for BFR/SDFR if an individual receives greater than 50% of annual income from agriculture</li> <li>• Cost-share in EQIP allows either 15% above state level or not more than 90%</li> <li>• EQIP allows advance payments up to 30% for BFR/SDFR</li> <li>• Priority for BFR/SDFR in Soil and Water Conservation Loans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set-asides for BFR and SDFR should at least be 10% total</li> <li>• Accept a cost-share that is higher for BFR/SDFR in EQIP and potentially other conservation programs</li> <li>• Accept Senate advance payment for cost-share to SDFR</li> <li>• Reject Senate \$15,000 annual farm income to participate in EQIP</li> <li>• Maintain priority for BFR/SFR for conservation loans</li> <li>• Accept House CRP transition option</li> </ul>
Renewable Energy and Efficiency (2002 Farm Bill Section 9006)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase mandatory funding to \$50m in '08 up to \$150m in '12 (\$500m over five years). Sec. 9005</li> <li>• Set-aside of 15% off funds to projects less than \$50,000 in size</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renamed “Rural Energy for America Program” for \$230m over five years. Section 9007 (look under section 9003)</li> <li>• 15% set aside for animal waste energy</li> <li>• 20% of grants for \$20,000 or less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senate version</li> </ul>
Other Conservation (not core FFPP priorities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases EQIP from \$1.27B annually, to \$1.5B in '08 to \$2B in '12 (from CSP funds)</li> <li>• Other watershed-based programs authorized (RWEP). Sec. 2106</li> <li>• New annual payment limits apply to conservation programs increasing some conservation direct payments limits. Sec. 2409</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EQIP funded at baseline</li> <li>• Parts of Regional Watershed Enhancement Program included</li> <li>• Per program payment limit is \$450,000</li> <li>• Includes new “open fields” recreation access allowance for conservation lands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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V. Diversity Initiative			
<i>Farm Bill Titles: Commodity, Conservation, Credit, Miscellaneous*</i>	Overview: Many credit and conservation set-asides; increased USDA reporting requirements; language and funding for Pigford claims	Overview: Many credit and conservation set-asides but different from House in some cases; funding for Pigford claims and Farm worker emergency grants; indicates that some specialty crop block grants should be directed to SDFRs	•
Outreach and Assistance for SDFR (2501) Improvements, change to mandatory, increase funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased to \$15 million per year mandatory. Section 11201.</li> <li>• Would move program to Office of Outreach. Section 11208</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discretionary funding of \$50 million per year. Section 11052. Would allow USDA to recommend location of program. Section 11052.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide mandatory funding of not less than \$15 million per year for the 2501 Socially Disadvantaged Farmer and Rancher Outreach and Technical Assistance Program</li> <li>• Meld program improvements and relocation.</li> </ul>
Transparency and Accountability	Annual compilation of application and participation rate data for SDFR's by State and by County/Parish including all USDA agencies (section 11203), and for the Census and ERS (section 11206).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similar to House, includes all USDA agencies (Section 11055), including Census and ERS. Section 11056.</li> <li>• Requires the Asst. Secretary for Civil Rights to use 10708 data to do compliance reviews</li> <li>• Requires reports on complaints and resolution. Section 11065.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain language from both bills on data collection.</li> <li>• Adopt Senate reporting on complaints and using 10708 for compliance reviews.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Socially Disadvantaged Producer Initiative	Not included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Included</li> </ul>	
Minority Land Preservation - FRPP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FRPP does not include SDFR land ownership as a specific allowed criteria</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FRPP included in 10% conservation program set-aside for SDFR/BFR</li> <li>• FRPP does not have has SDFR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain Senate language with regard to FRPP in the 10% set-aside for SDFR/BFR in conservation</li> </ul>

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USDA Offices/Extension on Indian Reservations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removes restriction on funding USDA offices on reservations. Section 11054.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removes restriction on funding USDA offices on reservations. Section 11055.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the language in both bills to remove the barrier that now prevents USDA agencies from covering the costs of USDA offices on Indian reservations.</li> <li></li> </ul>
SDFR Conservation Initiatives (same as above for Beginning Farmers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EQIP (90% cost share for SDFR, discretionary; 5% set aside for SDFR and 5% for BFR. Section 2105</li> <li>All conservation programs have 90% cost share for SDFR, section 2105.)</li> <li>Cooperative Conservation (evaluation criteria include addressing needs of SDFR).</li> <li>CRP Transition Option. Section 2101</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10% set-aside of total conservation funding for BFR/SDFR. Section 2403.</li> <li>Cost-share in EQIP allows either 15% above state level or not more than 90%. Section 2353.</li> <li>EQIP allows advance payments up to 30% for BFR/SDFR</li> <li>Priority for BFR/SDFR in Soil and Water Conservation Loans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set-asides for BFR and SDFR should be equal however no consensus on set-aside percents</li> <li>Accept House 90% EQIP cost share for SDFR (DI position; SAC for Senate)</li> <li>Accept Senate advance payment for cost-share to SDFR</li> <li>Reject Senate \$15,000 annual farm income to participate in EQIP or SDFR/BFR set aside.</li> <li>Maintain priority for BFR/SFR for conservation loans</li> <li>Accept House CRP transition option</li> </ul>
Office of Farm Workers	Establishes Office of Farm-worker Coordination in the Office of Outreach of the USDA and the appointment of an Outreach Coordinator. Section 11207.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established within the Risk Management Agency. Section 11059.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the inclusion of an Office of Farmworkers</li> </ul>

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Credit Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation Loan provision (priority for SDFR; but eliminates direct loan provisions). Section 5001.</li> <li>• Down Payment Loan Program and Contract Land Sales Program (includes SDFR within improved/expanded programs). Section 5003</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority for BFR/SDFR in Soil and Water Conservation Loans. Section 5003.</li> <li>• Down Payment Loan Program and Contract Land Sales Program (includes SDFR within improved/expanded programs) and slightly lower interest rate than House version. Section 5005</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation loan – Senate preferable b/c of EQIP priority</li> <li>• Down payment loan program nearly identical, Senate interest rates preferable</li> </ul>
Improvement and relocation of emergency Grants to Farm Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not included</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Included with \$2 million in annual mandatory funding. Section 11061</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accept Senate version</li> </ul>
Other – Civil Rights	Language to address Pigford Claims and \$100 million payment cap from CCC fund. Section 5402	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language to address Pigford Claims with \$100 million payment cap from CCC fund. Section 11312.</li> <li>• Sense of Congress Senate for USDA to settle on discrimination claims</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accept Senate version of Pigford language, which authorizes additional discretionary funds</li> <li>• Accept Sense of the Senate language</li> </ul>
Other – Foreclosure Moratorium	Not included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moratorium on acceleration and foreclosures instituted by USDA, coordinated with Outreach office. Section 11051</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accept Senate language on moratorium for acceleration of foreclosures for individuals with pending civil cases with USDA</li> </ul>
Other – Receipt for USDA service	Included – USDA required to provide receipt.	Included, language weaker than House, and limited to FSA and NRCS only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accept house language</li> </ul>

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**BFR** – Beginning Farmer or Rancher**SDFR** – Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher**ITO** – Indian Tribal Organization