

FFPP PRIORITIES	House Farm Bill (H.R. 2419)	House Farm Bill Amendments (floor and committee) and Comments	SENATE Ag Committee Base Bill
I. Renewing American Agriculture			
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program	\$15 million a year mandatory (authorized but not funded in last Farm Bill)	Link to text of all Floor Amendments	
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Credit Provisions	Conservation Loan priority for BFR, SDFR, and organic, but also eliminates direct loans); Down Payment Loan Program and Contract Land Sales Program improved and expanded	No Individual Development Account pilot program; no increase in loan authorization levels; possible amendments on these two in committee	
Farmers Market Promotion Program / EBT	\$5 million, increasing to \$10 million mandatory (\$35 million over five years); not less than 10% for EBT. Renamed "FMAP" (Farmer Marketing Assistance Program)	Require each state FNS office to implement wireless EBT at farmers markets (Velazquez amendment withdrawn) - colloquy with Chairman Peterson to address via letter to USDA	
National Organic Certification Cost Share Program (and other not FFPP core priority organic programs)	\$22 million mandatory (over five years). (Increase from \$5 million in last Farm Bill). (Note: Additional \$5 million a year to Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI) up from \$3 million. Additionally OREI received discretionary \$25 million. Organic Data Initiative receives \$3 million over life of Farm Bill; also \$1 million set-aside a year for cost-share in Agricultural Management Assistance program continues, same as last Farm Bill.)	Kagen amendment in full committee mark up - sense of Congress on organic research	
Organic Conversion	\$50M for organic transition until expended discretionary; allows farmers \$10,000 per year for up to 3 years	Gillibrand amendment adopted in full committee mark up	
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		
Improve enforceability of competitive markets		Subcommittee language failed: Full Committee re-instated mandatory arbitration with some changes	
Interstate shipment of state inspected meat	Included, allows states inspections which are "identical" to the federal inspection regime. Sense of Congress language removed small-processor focus in Manager's amendment.		
Payment limits	\$1M AGI cap to receive payments, above \$500K AGI requires 66% of income from farming to be eligible; Direct payment cap increased from \$40K to \$60K; allows no more than \$60K from one program, total of up to \$120K per year per farmer, combined with spouse/partner \$250K per year per farm - limits apply to conservation programs; three-entity rule reduced to two-entities; no more certificates (saves \$52.2M annually)	Stronger limits not advanced in full committee or floor action	
II. Healthy Food and Communities			
Community Food Projects	Reauthorized as discretionary at \$30 million; expanded purposes	1) Blumenauer floor amendment to provide \$30 million mandatory ruled not in order by Rules Committee 2) Appropriations - House Floor Colloquy between DeLauro and Holt on funding CFP discretionarily if needed.	
Geographical Preference/Local Procurement	Included in Manager's Amendment	1) Gillibrand geographical preference amendment adopted in full committee mark up; 2) Welch floor amendment approved as part of en bloc amendment - to encourage schools to submit plans for implementation to the Secretary that include locally grown food.	
Healthy Food Enterprise Development (HFED) - loan program	Priority in Rural Business and Industries Loan and Loan Guarantee program for local/regional processing & distribution		
Healthy Food Urban Enterprise Development (HFED) - grant program	Healthy Food Urban Enterprise Development Program Grants authorized (discretionary funding) (Manager's Amendment Pages 31-38)		
Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program	\$15 million a year mandatory remains same, allows additional \$5M in '08 up to \$60M in '12 discretionary	Allen floor amendment regarding flexibility in state implementation of SFMNP (to allow CSA-structured programs) - withdrawn; colloquy with Chairman.	
Food deserts	Sense of Congress regarding Food Deserts (Manager's Amendment)		
Urban Agriculture	New grant program	An amendment by Rep. William Lacy Clay (D-MO) to create a grant program to assist in purchasing operating organic gardens or greenhouses in urban areas for growing fruits and vegetables, was adopted via Peterson's en bloc amendment on the floor	

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Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (not core FFPP)	Increased from \$9M annually to \$70M mandatory annually for 35 schools per state		
Other - Food Stamps (tot Core FFPP)	Additional Food Stamp funding, eligibility, changes, and indexing for inflation (En. Bloc Amendment pages 1-8)		
Other - Obesity Initiative (not Core FFPP)	\$10M annual discretionary for obesity reduction;	1) Kagen amendment in full committee mark up; 2) Jackson-Lee floor amendment approved expressing the sense of Congress that the food available to schoolchildren under the school breakfast and lunch program should be selected so as to reduce the incidence of juvenile obesity and to maximize nutritional value	
III. Rural Entrepreneurship			
Rural Entrepreneurship and Micro-enterprise Program	\$20 million annually discretionary		
Value-Added Producer Grant Program (see above)	\$20 million annual mandatory (changed from \$40M discretionary, and above historic appropriation level)		
ATTRA	new permanent authorization; \$5 million annual discretionary		
Community-based Entrepreneurial Development Program	Not included		
Rural Entrepreneurship, Education and Enterprise Facilitation Program	Not included		
IV. Conservation			
Conservation Security Program	Funding reduced by \$703 million over five years; no new contracts until 2012; significant program modifications.	Walz amendment passed in full committee mark up allowing greater inclusion of organic practices	
Conservation Compliance	Partial 'sodsaver' in crop insurance title; removes crop insurance subsidy for four years on newly broken grassland		
Cooperative Conservation Partnerships	Authorized to work within CSP, EQIP, WHIP; max 25% cost-share		
Beginning/SDFR (see also below)	5% funding set aside for BFR and 5% for SDFR, in EQIP 90% cost-share for BFR/SDFR; CRP Transition Program for BFR/SDFR includes \$55million over ten years		
Section 9006 - Renewable Energy and Efficiency	Increase mandatory funding to \$50M in '08 up to \$150M in '12 (\$50M over five years); carve out of 15% off funds to projects less than \$50,000 in size (En. Bloc Amendment pages 10-11)		
Other Conservation (not core FFPP priorities)	Increases EQIP from \$1.27B annually, to \$1.5B in '08 to \$2B in '12 (from CSP funds); other watershed programs authorized; new annual payment limits apply to conservation programs increasing some conservation direct payments limits.		
V. Diversity Initiative			
Outreach and Assistance for SDFR (2501) Improvements, change to mandatory, increase funding	Increased to \$15 million per year mandatory; requires 25% cost-share; moves to Office of Outreach		
Transparency and Accountability	Annual compilation of application and participation rate data for SDFR's by State and by County/Parish including all USDA agencies		
Socially Disadvantaged Producer Initiative	Not included		
Minority Land Preservation - FRPP & Commission	Not included		
USDA Offices/Extension on Indian Reservations	language removed which prohibited USDA from funding the establishment of local USDA Agency Offices on Indian Reservations		
SDFR Conservation Initiatives (same as above for Beginning Farmers)	Multiple: CRP Transition Option; EQIP (90% cost share for SDFR, discretionary; 5% set aside); Cooperative Conservation (evaluation criteria include addressing needs of SDFR).		
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		
Credit Issues	Multiple: Conservation Loan provision (priority for SDFR; but eliminates direct loan provisions); Down Payment Loan Program and Contract Land Sales Program (includes SDFR within improved/expanded programs)		
Improvement and relocation of emergency Grants to Farm Workers	Not included		
Other	Language to address Pigford Claims. \$100 million CCC fund (Manager's Amendment pages 68-71)		