

***Every Farm Bill title should advance climate-friendly farming,
racial justice, and communities, not corporations***



Conservation

- Build new permanent, climate-focused, baseline funding for conservation programs
- Expand participation of underserved farmers in conservation programs by increasing set asides (to 30 percent or commensurate with the socially disadvantaged farmer and rancher population in the state), simplifying applications, and reducing matching requirements
- Incentivize organic agriculture by increasing set aside funding and caps for the EQIP and CSP Organic Initiatives
- Fund training for NRCS staff on benefits and implementation of climate-friendly and sustainable farming practices, including organic, polycultural perennial practices, and integration of animals
- Promote Tribal participation in conservation programs by recognizing Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)-based conservation and allowing lands held in common and by Tribal entities
- Ensure payment limits apply not just to individuals, but also to joint ventures and partnerships
- Expand access and capacity of technical assistance, including by resourcing non-profit organizations that support farmers in their use of federal programs

Horticulture

- Revamp organic certification cost-share to match growing certification costs, reduce barriers to organic certification, and incentivize organic transition
- Expand funding for and access to the Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP) to strengthen local and regional food systems

Credit

- Improve access to credit to help small, beginning, and socially disadvantaged farmers expand bottom-lines, compete in the real estate market, and invest in climate-smart agricultural production

Research, Extension, and Related Matters

- Expand USDA's Research, Education, and Economics mission area to focus on unique impacts of climate change on farmers, farmworkers, low-income communities, and communities of color
- Strengthen data collection and analysis to inform racial equity-driven decision-making
- Dedicate more funding to research on regionally adapted, publicly available seeds and breeds
- Expand research programs that identify and train farmers in best practices, including the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE) and the Organic Agriculture Research and Education Initiative (OREI)

Rural Development

- Build on the successful Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) by increasing funding, making increased cost-share reimbursement and grant rates permanent, with an emphasis on socially disadvantaged producers, and establishing greenhouse gas reductions as a primary purpose
- Increase funding for building and improving farmworker housing