| 2013 Farm Bill - Comparisons | | | | |
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| **Overall Farm Bill** | **Current law** | **Senate version (S. 954)** | **House version (H.R. 1947)** | **NFU Asks** |
| | | Passed Committee on May 14 by a vote of 15-5. | Passed Committee on May 15 by a vote of 36-10. | |
| | | Passed Senate on June 10 by vote of 66-27. Maintains existing permanent law provisions | Failed on House floor on June 20 by a vote of 195-235. "Farm-only" version that makes 2013 new permanent law passed House floor on July 11 by a vote of 216-208. | Do not rescind permanent law |
| **Savings** | | $23 billion savings. | $12.9 billion savings | |
| **Title I: Commodities** | | | | |
| **Revenue Protection** | Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) provided some revenue assurances. | Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) - provides assistance when revenue falls between 78% to 88% on county or individual basis. | Revenue Loss Coverage (RLC) - provides assistance when revenue falls between 75% to 85%. | |
| **Price Protection** | Counter-cyclical Payments (CCP) set. (See attachment) | Adverse Market Payment (AMP): Reference price set at 55% of Olympic average for all covered commodities except rice and peanuts. | Price Loss Coverage (PLC): Reference prices set in statute (see attachment). When actual average prices fall below reference price, pays the difference on eligible acres and at yield average. | Include House reference prices |
| **Direct Payments** | Contains Direct Payments and ACRE | Eliminated | Eliminated for all commodities except cotton for 2014-2016 | Eliminate |
| **Dairy Safety Net** | Dairy Product Price Support Program, Milk Income Loss Contracts. | Margin revenue insurance program | Margin revenue insurance program | Include dairy margin insurance program |
| **Dairy Supply Management** | No provision | Dairy Market Stabilization program included. | Dairy Market Stabilization program not included. | Include dairy market stabilization program |
| **Payment Limits** | $65,000 payment limit for CCPs | ARC payment limit for all commodities is $50,000. | Payments are capped at $125,000 per person for all commodity programs. | |
| **Conservation Compliance** | Required for Title I eligibility. See Title XI: Crop Insurance for more information | Required for Title I eligibility. See Title XI: Crop Insurance for more information | Required for Title I eligibility. See Title XI: Crop Insurance for more information | Require compliance |
| **Sugar** | Has operated at no cost to taxpayers but may incur costs in the future. | No changes, except for a date change as to when USDA must make import decisions. | No changes, except for a date change as to when USDA must make import decisions. | No changes |
| **Livestock Disaster Programs** | Expired, but provided some funds for disaster recovery efforts | Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) and Tree Assistance Program (TAP) included with mandatory funding. | Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) and Tree Assistance Program (TAP) included with mandatory funding. Provides more funding and higher payments (for some programs) than S. 954. | Defend and strengthen |
| **Title II: Conservation** | | | | |
| **Overall** | Includes 23 programs | Consolidates title into 13 programs | Consolidates title into 13 programs | No changes |
| | | Cuts $3.5 billion | Cuts $4.8 billion | |
| **Title IV: Nutrition** | | | | |
| **Cuts to SNAP** | | Cuts SNAP $4.1 billion | NOT INCLUDED | |
| **Title VII: Research** | | | | Fund at similar levels |
| **Organic** | CCC funding: $78 million for FY 2009-12. | Organic agriculture research and extension initiative is provided with $16 million/year for 2014-2018 | Mandatory CCC funding of $20,000,000 for each year 2014-2018 | Mandatory funding |
| **Funding for Specialty Crop Research Initiative** | CCC funding: $30 million (FY 2008); $50 million annually (FY 2009-12). | $25 million for 2014; $30 million for each of 2015 and 2016; $65 million for 2017; $50 million for 2018 | $50 million for each of 2014 and 2015; $55,000,000 each for 2016 and 2017; $65 million for 2018. | Mandatory funding |
| **Funding for Beginning Farmer and Rancher Programs** | Maximum grant is $250,000/year. | Mandatory funding of $17 million/year for 2014 through 2018 | Reauthorized | Mandatory funding |
| **Title IX: Energy** | | | | |
| | $1.2 billion mandatory. Funds blender pumps and feasibility studies under REAP | $900 million mandatory. Funding for blender pumps and feasibility studies | No mandatory funding. Prohibits funding blender pumps but funds feasibility studies | Senate funding level with funding for blender pumps and feasibility studies under REAP |
| **Title XI: Crop Insurance** | | | | |
| **Compliance/Limits** | Does not link crop insurance premium subsidies with conservation compliance. No limits on subsidies | Links crop insurance premium subsidies with conservation compliance. Reduces premium subsidies by 15 percent for farms with an AGI greater than $750,000 annually | Does not link crop insurance premium subsidies with conservation compliance. No limits on subsidies | Link with compliance. No limits on subsidies |
| **Title XII: Miscellaneous** | | | | |
| **Country-of-Origin Labeling** | COOL in effect, awaiting new rule announcement to comply with WTO. | No changes. | Includes a direction to conduct a study on COOL | Oppose any unncessary studies |
| **Packers and Stockyards Act/ Livestock Competition** | Several poultry rules allowed to proceed from the 2010 GIPSA rulemaking process. | No changes. | Includes provision to repeal Section 1106 of 2008 Farm Bill and undercuts enforcement | No Change |