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WASHINGTON (June 19, 2012) – [National Farmers Union](#) (NFU) President Roger Johnson sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Senate Minority Leader, R-Ky., outlining the amendments to the Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2012 that the organization strongly supports or opposes. The letter also outlined the amendments that NFU will score for year-end voting records.

NFU supports and will score the following amendments:

- Sens. Durbin and Coburn #2439 (limits crop insurance premium subsidy provided to farmers with an adjusted gross income greater than \$750,000)
- Sen. Chambliss # 2438 (establishes conservation compliance requirements for the federal crop insurance program)

NFU opposes and will score the following amendments:

- Sen. Ayotte #2192 (drastically modifies the Value-Added Producer Grant program by conducting an Office of the Inspector General audit before the distribution of funding)
- Sen. Lee #2314 (eliminates the Conservation Reserve Program and the Conservation Stewardship Program)
- Sen. Toomey #2226 (eliminates funding for important energy title programs)
- Sen. Toomey #2443 (eliminates the no-cost sugar program)
- Sen. Chambliss #2432 (eliminates funding for the Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program)

“The Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2012 represents a bipartisan effort that helps family farmers and ranchers in times of need and provides nutritional support to millions of disadvantaged Americans while making a significant contribution to deficit reduction,” said Johnson.

*National Farmers Union has been working since 1902 to protect and enhance the economic well-being and quality of life for family farmers, ranchers and rural communities through advocating grassroots-driven policy positions adopted by its membership.*

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