

2007 Farm Bill: What To Expect

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250,000 family farmers and ranchers
from 26 states representing all
commodities and rural communities

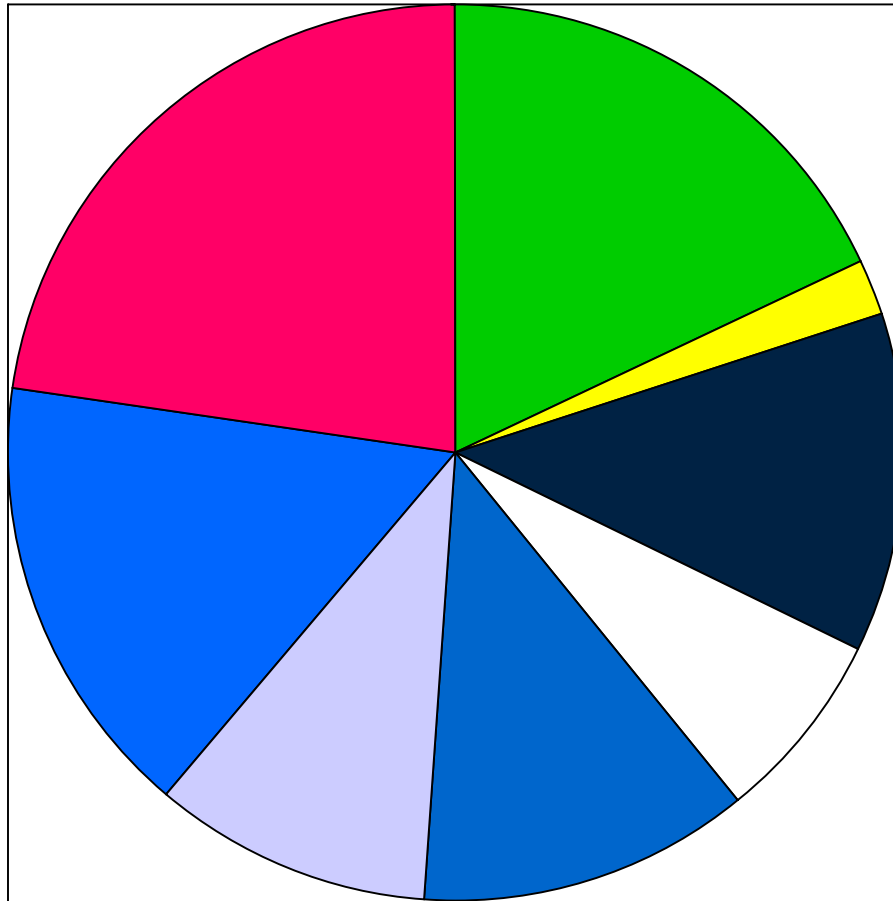


NFU Farm Bill Objectives

- Profitability from the Marketplace
- Fuels from the Farm
- Permanent Disaster Assistance
- Conservation



Actual Allocation to Producers



- Defense
- Social Security
- Nondefense Discretionary
- Agriculture
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Net Interest
- Other



Current Progress

- Passed US House 318-106
- Passed US Senate 81-45
- Next step: Goes to President



Titles of Farm Bill



Commodities Title

- Removes three-entity rule
- Disaster Assistance
- State-level revenue protection system



Loan Rate and Target Price Levels



Commodity	Direct Payments	Conference Approved Loan Rates	Conference Approved Target Prices
Wheat (bu.)	.52	2.94	4.17
Corn	.28	1.95	2.63
Barley (bu.)	.24	1.95	2.63
Oats	.024	1.39	1.79
Soybeans	.44	5.00	6.00
Dry Peas	N/A	5.40	8.32
Lentils	N/A	11.28	12.81

Source: CBO 2008



Conservation Title

- Conservation program spending increased by \$7.9 billion
- Increases dollars for Conservation Stewardship Program to provide more incentives for conservation practices

Source: US House Agriculture Committee, 2008



Energy Title

- Creates a loan guarantee program to encourage production of energy crops
- Corn ethanol tax credit reduced and redirected to incentives for cellulosic ethanol
- Provides \$1 billion to fund programs that will help the renewable energy industry invest in new technologies

Source: US House Agriculture Committee, 2008



Livestock Title

- First-ever Livestock Title
- Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)
- Provides producer ability to decline to be bound to an arbitration clause in a contract
- Improves oversight of Packers and Stockyards Act

Source: US Senate Agriculture Committee, 2008



Farm Bill Reforms

- Farm program safety net extended
- Farm and conservation program transparency increased
- “Triple Entity Rule” ended
- Permanent disaster assistance program for natural disasters

Source: US House Agriculture Committee, 2008

