



# 2026 FARM BILL PRIORITIES

## ADVANCE COMPETITION, FAIR MARKETS, AND STRUCTURAL REFORM

*Strengthen competition, transparency, and innovation across the food and agriculture system by addressing rising consolidation, input costs, and market abuses.*

The structure of agricultural markets affects prices, bargaining power, and the resilience of the food system. Today, just a handful of giant corporations dominate the food and farm system—leaving farmers with fewer buyers, consumers with fewer choices, and communities more vulnerable to disruptions.

America's antitrust laws have been on the books for more than a century, but consolidation in agriculture continues to accelerate. More targeted actions—such as improving transparency, strengthening oversight, and addressing specific practices that entrench market power—can better equip enforcers to use existing law, confront consolidation pressures, and restore fair competition that gives farmers real market options, protects consumers, and strengthens the resilience of the food system.

### Aligned Legislative Proposals:

- **Opportunities for Fairness in Farming Act (S.1848 and H.R.3516)**  
This bill would restore transparency and accountability to USDA's billion-dollar checkoff programs, ensuring they work efficiently for farmers and ranchers.
- **Fertilizer Research Act (S.2808 and H.R.6192)**  
This bill would direct the USDA to examine how competition and market dynamics in the fertilizer industry influence prices.
- **Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act (S.1312 and H.R.1380)**  
This bill would establish a new office at the USDA to prevent anticompetitive activity in the meat and poultry industry.

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