



# 2026 FARM BILL PRIORITIES

## EXPAND ADOPTION OF ORGANIC, REGENERATIVE, AND SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES

*Aligning conservation programs, technical assistance, and risk management tools would empower farmers to deploy organic, regenerative, and soil health practices.*

Organic, regenerative, and soil health-focused farming systems offer a proven path to stronger, more productive farms. They improve soil health, protect water quality, and help farms remain financially viable—often while reducing reliance on harmful chemicals. These practices also deliver lasting public health and environmental benefits.

But implementing these systems comes with a unique set of challenges. Farmers face upfront costs, steep learning curves, and higher financial risks during early adoption. Federal programs don't always provide the support needed to manage these challenges.

Better alignment of conservation programs, technical assistance, and risk management tools would make it easier for farmers to adopt these practices. Working together, these programs can reduce risk, support successful adoption, and ensure public investments deliver lasting environmental, health, and economic benefits.

### Aligned legislative proposal:

- **EQIP Improvement Act (S.3498)**

This bill would reform the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to better serve farmers and the environment. It lowers payment limits to prevent large producers from monopolizing funds and reduces cost-share for less effective practices, so smaller farms and high-impact conservation practices can access support.

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