



## 2026 FARM BILL PRIORITIES

### PROMOTE RISK MANAGEMENT AND PROGRAM ACCESS FOR SPECIALTY CROP AND DIVERSIFIED PRODUCERS

*Expanding risk management access for diversified and specialty crop producers would help them stay viable and meet growing demand.*

Farming is risky—weather, price swings, and market shocks can wipe out a farm in a single season. Federal risk management programs often determine which farms can survive those shocks and which crops are financially viable.

However, these programs currently work best for commodity crops like corn and soybeans. Meanwhile, farmers who grow fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops—including many diversified, organic, or regenerative farms—face higher risk and fewer protections. This pushes farmers toward a narrow set of crops and production methods, making it harder to grow the nutritious foods Americans are encouraged to eat.

Expanding access to risk management programs would help more farmers stay in business, support diversified production, and incentivize the crops and practices that best serve public health and consumer demand.

#### Aligned legislative proposals:

- **Save Our Small Farms Act (H.R.2435)**

This bill would strengthen the farm safety net for small and diversified farmers who lack access to traditional crop insurance by expanding the Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program, improving Whole-Farm Revenue Protection, and better addressing losses caused by extreme weather.

- **Insuring Fairness for Family Farmers Act (from 118th Congress)**

This bill would reform crop insurance commissions so that agents are fairly compensated for serving small and specialty crop farms, increasing access to crop insurance.

Contact Caroline Nodus at [cnodus@farmaction.us](mailto:cnodus@farmaction.us) for more information.