



# 2026 FARM BILL PRIORITIES

## REBUILD LOCAL AND REGIONAL FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS

*Support local and regional processing, storage, and distribution systems that strengthen farmer viability, competition, and access to healthy, locally produced food.*

Decades of consolidation and underinvestment have left farmers and consumers reliant on long, vulnerable supply chains controlled by a few companies. Rebuilding local and regional food systems would support farmers, increase competition, and expand access to healthy, local food.

Investing in local processing, storage, and distribution builds stronger regional food systems. Coordinating these investments with federal procurement and nutrition programs helps farmers reach steady markets and gives communities better access to fresh, local food.

### Aligned Legislative Proposals:

- **LOCAL Foods Act (S.1212 and H.R.5341)**

This bill would update the “Personal-Use Exemption” to let small producers sell live animals to consumers for on-site or hired slaughter, easing bottlenecks from limited processing access.

- **PRIME Act (S.2409 and H.R.4700)**

This bill would give farmers more market options by enabling them to sell meat processed in state-regulated custom facilities directly to consumers without federal inspection.

- **Strengthening Local Processing Act (S.1509 and H.R.3076)**

This bill would provide critical support to smaller meat and poultry processors by addressing key barriers to growth, capacity, and interstate commerce.

- **Strengthening Local Food Security Act (S.2338)**

This bill would use federal purchasing power to expand access to fresh, locally sourced food in schools and underserved communities while creating new markets for farmers.

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