

Farm Bill 2.0 Priorities



Corn growers support the bipartisan development and passage of a Farm Bill 2.0 this Congress.

The following farm bill recommendations seek to make existing USDA programs **more effective, efficient, and responsive** through strategic investments and policy enhancements that will protect and bolster America's crop and rural America.



Commodity Programs

The Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) commodity programs provide farmers with a safety net when they face significant drops in crop prices or revenues.

NCGA Priorities:

- Support a one-time nationwide mandatory base acre update, as determined by recent planting history, as seen in the BASE Act (H.R. 5551)
- Oppose the creation of a corn specific PLC price floor
- Oppose lowering payment limits and adjusted gross income limits below current levels

Energy Programs

Corn farmers are committed to providing renewable energy and biobased products. The USDA BioPreferred program is set to expire on September 30, 2026, and is critical to reauthorize.

NCGA Priorities:

- Support development of biofuels and biobased products through the Ag. BIO Act (S. 2467/H.R. 3253)
- Expand domestic manufacturing of biobased products through the Biomanufacturing & Jobs Act (S. 2654/H.R. 4832)
- Accelerate production and development of SAF, via the Farm to Fly Act (S. 144/H.R. 1719)

Conservation Programs

Corn growers are committed to being good stewards of the land. USDA programming plays an important role in helping growers implement successful conservation practices.

NCGA Priorities:

- Expand and strengthen the NRCS Interim Conservation Practice Standards Initiative to speed the development and adoption of innovative conservation practices through the Streamlining Conservation Practice Standards Act (S. 1729)

Credit and Rural Development Programs

Access to credit and rural development programs is important for corn growers to enhance their operations and innovate with precision agriculture tools.

NCGA Priorities:

- Increase loan limits on FSA farm operating and ownership loans through the PACE Act (S.899/H.R. 1991)
- Create a program to provide loan financing to farmers for purchasing precision agriculture equipment via the PAL Act (S. 1618/H.R. 3211)
- Provide financial tools to farmers to adopt precision agriculture equipment, as seen in the PRECISE ACT (S. 1616/H.R. 6143)

Agriculture Research

NCGA advocates for continued agricultural research and maintaining America's position as a leader in research and development. Corn growers support programs that support scientific development as well as rural communities.

NCGA Priorities:

- Renew the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network through the Farmers First Act (S. 2282/ H.R. 4400)
- Reauthorize AG2PI research on crop genetics via the AG2PI Act (H.R. 2839)
- Strengthen USDA data collection and research to connect farmers with effective conservation practices as in the Agricultural Innovation Act (S. 1713)

Budget Reconciliation Recap

Corn growers appreciate that H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, includes several longstanding **farm bill** and **tax priorities** for agriculture. NCGA will continue to work with Congress and federal agencies on implementation of the budget reconciliation act and additional farm bill legislation.



Farm Safety Net

Corn growers appreciate improvements to the farm safety net through strengthening the commodity programs [Agriculture Risk Coverage \(ARC\)](#) and [Price Loss Coverage \(PLC\)](#). The Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) estimates that on average corn farmers will see a \$15 per base acre increase in payments when triggered.

Commodity Programs Strengthened for the 2025 crop year:

- Increases to ARC County maximum payment rate from 10% to 12% and coverage levels from 86% to 90%
- Raises the PLC reference price for corn from \$3.70 to \$4.10
- Strengthens the PLC effective reference price from 85% of the five-year Olympic Average to 88%, and
- Increases the marketing assistance loan rate for corn from \$2.20 to \$2.42.
- For the 2026 crop year, a voluntary base acre update to add 30 million new acres for program eligibility.

Crop Insurance Improvements:

- Addresses the affordability of federal crop insurance coverage for producers, removal of the prohibition between the ARC County and Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO), and stronger support for beginning farmers and ranchers.

Increased Trade Promotion

The doubling of mandatory funding for trade promotion programs will develop new markets and promote U.S. goods, helping to boost agricultural exports. Corn growers have long called for increasing funding for the USDA Market Access Program (MAP) and the Foreign Market Development Program (FMD).

Corn growers are pleased to see the extension of several key tax provisions, which will provide more certainty to corn farmers across the country as they plan for the future of their businesses.



Preserved Key Tax Provisions

These permanently extended federal tax policies ensure long-term continuity and smooth transition between generations of family-owned agricultural businesses.

- The qualified business income deduction
- The expanded estate and gift tax exemptions, and
- 100% bonus depreciation.

Corn growers support the extension of the clean fuel production tax credit (45Z). The tax credit can help the biofuels industry make inroads into the aviation sector and attract investment into opening new markets for U.S. corn.