

State of the Farm Bill

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Who is NPMA?

- The National Pest Management Association proudly serves 4,000+ member companies and their employees in the pest management community.
 - Our members manage pests in commercial, residential, and institutional settings protecting our public health, food, and property.
- We provide industry leadership, resources for education and market development, and public policy advocacy.

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Today's Roadmap



1. Background + Impact of the Farm Bill



2. What Lies Ahead



3. Do You Know Your Farm Bill?

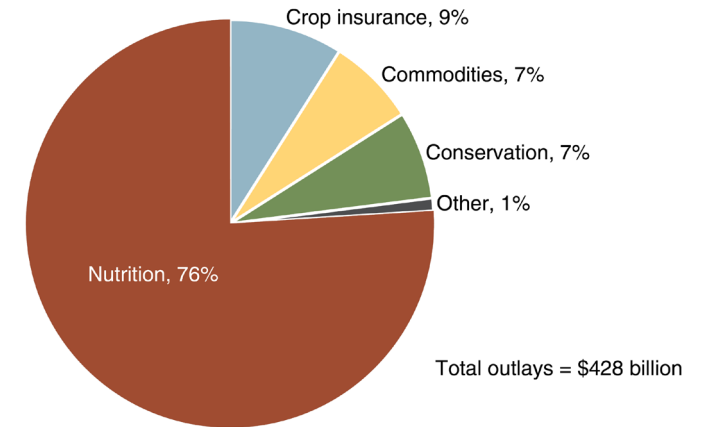
First, what is the Farm Bill?

- Multi-Year (5) Omnibus Legislation that covers agriculture, food and rural policy.
- Congress' response to the Great Depression and its impact to rural America.
- Grown in both size and scope over the past few decades
 - 1973 Farm Bill: Added Nutrition Title (IV)
- Prioritizes critical issues to the continued success of United States agriculture.

So, what makes the Farm Bill critical?

1. It benefits more than farmers.
2. Traditionally bi-partisan.*
3. Provides funding to state and federal programs.

Projected outlays under the 2018 Farm Act, 2019-2023



Sources: USDA, Economic Research Service calculations based on Congressional Budget Office estimates.

So... WHERE is the Farm Bill?

1. 2018 Farm Bill expired October 30, 2023.

1. (2) 1-year extensions, *expires again* October 30, 2025.

2. What is Congress doing?

1. House Committee on Agriculture passed the *Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024* in June 2024, which stalled.
2. Lessons learned from previous Congress.

3. Road ahead?

Pesticides Stake IN FARM BILL

- House and Senate Agriculture Committees share oversight of FIFRA (*Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act*) the primary federal law governing the registration, sale and use of pesticides.
 - Shape how pesticide regulations are implemented, through funding and policies benefitting pesticide safety education, worker protection programs and integrated pest management.
 - Policy riders can limit and/or expand regulatory authorities under FIFRA.
 - Program funding and oversight can influence FIFRA directly through mandated reports by federal agencies, like USDA or EPA.

Farm Bill + State Pesticide Preemption

Goal: Ensure federal and state regulators maintain cooperative oversight over U.S. pesticide regulations, preventing science-based standards being overridden by political decisions.

This Provision Ensures:

- State lead agency's role as sole authority under FIFRA within a state is reinforced.
- Regulation is uniform, reducing burdens for pesticide users and their customers.

This Provision Prevents:

- A patchwork of conflicting regulations.
- Confusion amongst pesticide users and regulators.
- Enforcement inconsistencies across local jurisdictions.

FARM BILL PROSPECTS IN A POST-OBBB WORLD

1. Less can be more!

1. Funding through 2031 secured for key Farm Bill programs including: *Commodity Support Programs, Crop Insurance, Conservation Programs, Nutrition Programs, Research Grants and Tax Provisions.*

2. Politicians can't say no to...

1. "Big Four" funding: *Marketing, Crop Insurance, Conservation and Technology.*
2. Skinny Farm Bill, Farm Bill 2.0; either way the House has an appetite!



Bringing it back home...

- **What's a SPAR?** NPMA's state policy affairs representatives (SPARs), are volunteer advocates for the professional pest management industry in each state.
- **Who are they?** Volunteers from the state pest management associations, who proactively engage with state legislators and regulators.
- **What do they do?** Work to enhance and strengthen the professional pest management industry in their state through sound policy and regulations.

Number #1 Takeaway? They can be a resource to you!

Do You Know Your Farm Bill?

- 1) What year was the first farm bill passed?
- 2) How many farm bills have there been?
- 3) How many titles were in the most recent (2018) farm bill?

BONUS: What title does pesticide policy fall under?

- 4) What was the shortest timeline for Farm Bill discussion (introduction to passage)?

BONUS: What year?

- 5) What recent President vetoed the Farm Bill **(TWICE)** as a standalone measure?

Bonus: What year?



Thank You!

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