

DEFEND THE LANDS THAT FEED & FUEL US

2026 FARM BILL PRIORITIES

Representing the Conservative Agriculture Innovation Coalition, where ACC Action is a leading member, and thousands of registered ACC members nationwide, we promote policies that empower farmers and ranchers to lead in conservation innovation. This document presents ACC Action's Farm Bill priorities and highlights key provisions from major proposals and bills.

TITLE II: UNLEASH CONSERVATION INNOVATION FOR AMERICAN SOIL DOMINANCE

- **Codify Secretary Rollins' Regenerative Pilot Program** by making it permanent, streamlining applications, and funding it at current demand levels, with additional authorization as needed.
 - Implement a farmer-first approach, allowing any practice deemed by a local NRCS office or TSP to build soil to qualify as an eligible conservation incentive, supporting practices that lower input costs and improve soil to increase yield without affecting other EQIP or CSP priorities. (See example bill text: *Regenerate American Soil Dominance Act*).
- **Advance key non-spending program reforms** from the House Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026:
 - Sec. 2502(a)-(e) or H.R. 575 - Increased TSP Access Act of 2025, which provides a certification process for third-party technical service providers streamlining the certification process for third-party TSPs with specialty credentials.
 - Sec. 2502(f)(1)-(4) or S. 1729 - Streamlining Conservation Practice Standards Act, which creates a public process for evaluating new and emerging conservation technologies for adoption under conservation practice standards (CPSs), and allow the Secretary to award CIG grants for innovative practices that may be incorporated into CPSs.
 - Sec. 2502(f)(5)-(6) or H.R. 6867 - Conservation Innovation Act of 2023, which creates the Office of Conservation Innovation to support the NRCS Chief in promoting innovative conservation practices, revising existing standards, and recommending new standards.
 - S. 2608 - CRP Improvement and Flexibility Act, which improves CRP by expanding enrollment options, allowing emergency haying, funding grazing infrastructure, and raising payment caps.
 - S. 1389 - CREP Improvement Act, which improves CREP by expanding practices, most critically adjusting contract payments for water conservation and dryland uses, and exempting rentals from payment limits.

TITLE VII: DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY TO CONSERVE & DEFEND FARM SECURITY AS NATIONAL SECURITY

- Pass S. 834 - ACE Agriculture Act, which reauthorizes AgARDA as an American dominance tool, funding R&D to deploy moonshot technologies to address key production security constraints - from cost-effective robotics to reduce labor dependence, to technology buffering droughts.
- Pass the H.R. xxx - DoD and USDA Interagency Research Act, or Sec. 7608(h)(2)(C) of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, which codifies an MOU between USDA and DoD to accelerate innovation and collaboration on R&D, farm-to-base food security, and other critical initiatives, recognizing that farm security is national security, aligned with the National Farm Security Action Plan.

TITLE VIII: BUILD RESILIENT FORESTS TO SECURE AMERICA'S LAND AND COMMUNITIES

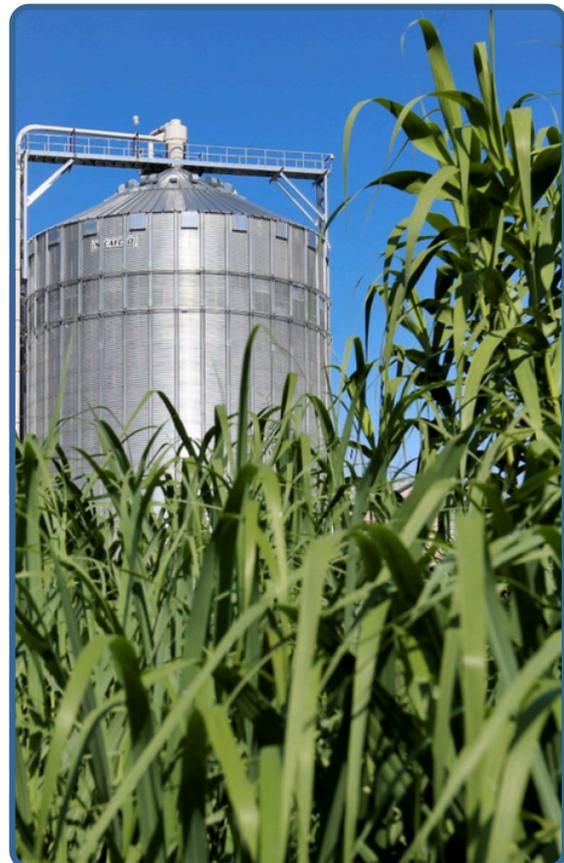
- Pass S. 1462 - Fix Our Forest Act in the Farm Bill or as a standalone priority. FOFA accelerates forest restoration and reduces wildfires by enabling smart fuel management, streamlining NEPA, expanding exclusions for high-risk firesheds, boosting interagency collaboration, supporting reforestation and wildfire technology, and limiting litigation.
- Provide adequate funding for FOFA's Seeds of Success strategy to support silviculture, nurseries, and seed distribution, addressing the national seedling shortage, meeting forest restoration targets, and ensuring USDA conservation programs include dedicated seedling production support.



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TITLE IX: UNLEASH THE AMERICA-FIRST BIOECONOMY

- Reauthorize Sec. 9003 Biorefinery Assistance and pass H.R.6413 - Agricultural Biorefinery Innovation and Opportunity Act to modernize biotech regulations across USDA, EPA, and FDA. ACC Action encourages Congress to strengthen America's circular bioeconomy through this program, supporting the uptake and reprocessing of organic waste streams in midstream biofuel and bioproduct manufacturing through intermediary loans. This approach would use smart financing to support cooperatives and advance U.S. dominance of the bioeconomy, while reducing land dependence on feedstocks and increasing alternative domestic markets not subject to tariffs.
- Direct Treasury to link to USDA models allowing conservation practices tied to feedstocks to meet 45Z emission reduction requirements. This collaboration, supported by Title IX directive language, would make U.S. biofuels rooted in conservation more competitive under CORSIA and IMO standards.



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