

# 2018 FARM BILL PRIORITIES



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## MAINTAIN AND EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT WETLAND CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE

- Promote a strong coalition among crop insurance, commodity and conservation leaders to support crop insurance and conservation compliance.
  - Oppose efforts to repeal or weaken Swampbuster and publicly subsidize private wetland drainage.
  - Support improved public transparency, monitoring, enforcement and reporting activities.
  - Support improved wetland determination quality, accuracy and timeliness.
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## INCREASE AND IMPROVE THE CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

- Support a robust increase to the national CRP cap from current 24 million acres.
  - Support an increased CRP grasslands allocation and target most at-risk grasslands.
  - Promote expanded CRP working lands and CREP options.
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## SUPPORT ROBUST FUNDING LEVELS FOR VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS LIKE, ACEP, RCPP, EQIP AND CSP

- Restore funding levels for ACEP to at least \$500 million per year.
  - Support mandatory RCPP funding of at least \$100M/year and support increased allocations of other funds.
  - Promote new and innovative working lands conservation practices compatible with farming, ranching and wildlife habitat.
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## ADVANCE AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS TO ENHANCE PRIORITY LANDSCAPES

- Improve EQIP, CSP and RCPP to enhance winter-flooded habitats, like rice, for waterfowl and other wildlife.
  - More flexible and reserved grazing opportunities on Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE).
  - Expand waterfowl and producer-friendly working lands programs in priority landscapes.
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## MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN SODSAVER

- Close perennial crop loophole (i.e., 4-year window starts on first-federally insured year).
- Support improved USDA public transparency and reporting of new breakings data.



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