

In-District Engagement: *2018 MIDTERM ELECTIONS and THE FARM BILL*

Currently, the Farm Bill is stuck in a conference committee. The Farm Bill may not be addressed until a Lame Duck congressional session after Election Day.

This is why we are asking you to talk to your Representative and Senators to get certainty of passing a Farm Bill. Below are recommended questions and statements to pose to current lawmakers on the Farm Bill at campaign events and meetings. Failure to pass a farm bill would undermine the financial security and have serious political repercussions for America's farmers and ranchers.

Key Questions to Ask

What are you doing to help pass the farm bill? I am a farmer/rancher in [county/town] and it's important that congress passes a farm bill as soon as possible.

When will the farm bill be voted on? I am a farmer/rancher in [county/town] and it's important that congress passes a farm bill as soon as possible.

Will you tell the Ag Committee leadership to move this bill to a vote asap? I am a farmer/rancher in [county/town] and it's important that congress passes a farm bill as soon as possible.

Key Supporting Messages

- Farmers and Ranchers need certainty in farm programs and resources.
- The downturn in the farm economy, growing debt and loss of markets is creating an economic crisis for farmers/ranchers like me.
- The risk management tools in the farm bill are important to me and fight against heavily subsidized commodities produced from foreign markets.
- The farm bill helps farmers/ranchers to weather natural disasters, price declines or crop loss and helps farms to maintain their economic footing for the year ahead.
- The programs in the farm bill give farmers and ranchers the ability to plan for future harvests and to properly manage their land.