



NAWG TITLE BY TITLE POSITION PAPER*

This document is intended to serve as a resource for you concerning our positions on key Titles of the Farm Bill.

TITLE 1: COMMODITIES

- Support a one-time program reelection at the beginning of the new Farm Bill or anytime that substantial program changes occur.
- Support maintaining a producer choice between revenue assistance and price assistance.
- Support improvements to the functionality of ARC-County, including adjustments to the yield and price components of the ARC formula.
- Support the use of smaller-than-county-size geographic areas in ARC in particularly large counties. Allowing the option to split large counties into smaller reporting districts allows for the program to more accurately reflect agronomic and climatic variability in those counties.
- Support prioritizing the use of RMA data first where available in setting ARC yields.
- Support increasing the PLC wheat reference price to a level that is closer to \$6.50 a bushel so it is more reflective of modern farming.
- Oppose any further restrictions to farm program eligibility (actively engaged requirements) or payment limitations.

TITLE 2: CONSERVATION

- Support maintaining a strong Conservation Stewardship Program and Environmental Quality Incentives Program to assist growers with adopting conservation practices on their farming operations. Additionally, Congress should eliminate the restrictions on the number of future re-enrollments in CSP.
- Support maintaining the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and providing flexibility within the program for multiple uses of the acres under contract (such as haying and grazing). Soil erosion/soil conservation should be the priority for enrolling acreage in CRP.
- Farm Bill conservation programs should continue to provide financial and technical assistance to assist growers in designing, implementing, managing and maintaining conservation practices and conservation management systems.
- Wetland compliance determination backlogs must continue to be a priority to ensure growers have accurate and timely responses from USDA.
- Support education and outreach efforts to work with growers to meet conservation compliance requirements
- Support eliminating the requirement for farmers to obtain Duns and Bradstreet (DUNS) and System for Award Management (SAM) registration numbers to participate in Farm Bill conservation programs.

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TITLE 3: TRADE

- Support reauthorizing and doubling mandatory funding for the Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development (FMD) program.
- Support maintaining Food for Peace and Food for Progress.
- Support increasing the transportation cap on the Food for Progress program.

TITLE 4: NUTRITION

- Oppose separating the nutrition title from the Farm Bill for separate consideration.

TITLE 5: CREDIT

- Support sufficient funding levels through FSA's direct and guaranteed operating and ownership loan programs to meet full demand. Individual limits should also be increased to better reflect modern operations.

TITLE 7: RESEARCH

- Support reauthorization of Hatch Act, McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Animal Health and Disease, Smith-Lever Act, and Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) programs.
- Support continued authorization and funding of the U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative.
- Support research into the causes of quality loss problems, like low Falling Numbers.
- Support the Triticeae Coordinated Agricultural Project (TCAP) initiative. TCAP is intended to the apply latest genomic technology to wheat and barley variety development. It allows for improved selection for genes in wheat and barley associated with nitrogen and water use efficiency and disease resistance.

TITLE 11: CROP INSURANCE

- Opposes any restrictions on eligibility for program participation based on a producer's Adjusted Gross Income, any caps on the federal cost-share level, and any restrictions on a producer's ability to utilize the Harvest Price Option (HPO).
- Oppose any cuts to the crop insurance delivery system.
- Quality losses that don't affect yield should not impact a producer's Actual Production History (APH).

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