



2023 Farm Bill

NCBA FARM BILL PRIORITIES

OVERVIEW

The Farm Bill is vitally important for U.S. cattlemen and women. A strong farm bill must include a **robust voluntary conservation** title to protect important programs like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), which have been very successful in helping producers do even more to protect our natural resources, maintain policies that strengthen our current **risk management and disaster programs**, as well as maintain our **important animal health programs** such as the National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank (NAVVCB). NCBA values these key programs and strongly opposes a stand-alone livestock title within this bill.



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STRENGTHENING RISK MANAGEMENT

- Risk management programs like Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) can help producers hedge against price decline and protect themselves from extreme conditions that could detrimentally affect their businesses.

SUPPORTING DISASTER PROGRAMS

- NCBA strongly supports programs such as the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), and the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) that help producers recover from predator attacks on livestock, and extreme weather conditions like heat, drought, and wildfire.

PROMOTING VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

- Cattle producers are our nation's original conservationists. Every day they care for millions of acres of land, soil, and water.

- To help producers continue caring for the land, NCBA supports *voluntary* conservation programs that help producers invest in improvements to the land, water, and natural resources, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

PROTECTING ANIMAL HEALTH

- Support for programs like the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) are important for foreign animal disease protection and detection.
- NCBA strongly supports NADPRP and the NAVVCB, which currently holds the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccine. A foreign animal disease could decimate the cattle industry, making investments in these animal health programs essential to the overall economy.

NO LIVESTOCK TITLE

The cattle industry focuses on a handful of specific programs in the Farm Bill, but a stand-alone livestock title is not necessary to protect our industry and would open the door to overregulation and harmful mandates. NCBA and cattle producers across the country strongly oppose a livestock title in this Farm Bill.

ABOUT NCBA

NCBA is the oldest and largest national trade association representing cattle producers from all 50 states and in every segment of the industry. NCBA's policy positions are set through a time-honored process led by grassroots cattlemen and women. This grassroots process develops NCBA's Farm Bill priorities and helps policymakers identify the needs of cattlemen and women in different regions of the country. Learn more at policy.ncba.org.

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