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Should Payment Limitations be Altered?

BACKGROUND

A maximum dollar amount has been established by legislation for many USDA programs limiting payments that can be received annually, directly or indirectly, by each person or legal entity. Such limitations on payments are controlled by direct attribution. Following are the current limitations for program payments:

Current Limitations for Program Payments	
Program Payment Type	Limit for 2014-2018
Commodity Programs	
Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC), Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP), and Marketing Loan Gains (MLG) – other than peanuts	\$125,000
PLC, ARC, LDP, and MLG – peanuts	\$125,000
Conservation Programs	
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – annual rental payments and incentive payments	\$50,000
Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) – per disaster event	\$200,000
Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) – per disaster event	\$500,000
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) – total limit for all contracts entered into after 2014 Farm Bill enactment and for FY2014-2018	\$200,000
Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) – total limit for all contracts entered into after 2014 Farm Bill enactment and for FY2014-2018	\$450,000
Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) – in any fiscal year	\$50,000
Disaster Assistance Programs	
Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) – total payments for all three programs may not exceed \$125,000	\$125,000
Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)	\$125,000
Tree Assistance Program (TAP)	\$125,000
Other Programs	
Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers (TAA)	\$10,000

ISSUE

Proposals have been made by Senator Grassley (R-IA) to impose lowered payment limits on various commodity and conservation programs and/or to combine payment limits for some or all programs.

OPTION #1

Support changes to lower some or all of the limits on commodity, conservation or other USDA payments.

OPTION #2

Oppose changes to lower any limits on commodity, conservation or other USDA payments.