

# FARM BILL ACTION WEEK AHEAD

## Calling All Farm Bureau Members

### **BACKGROUND**

Congress has introduced the long-awaited 2018 farm bill and we expect quick action on the House floor in May. **Now is the time for Farm Bureau members across the country to reach out to their members of Congress and tell them to support this important bill for rural America!**

### **TIMELINE**

A vote on the bill could be held in three weeks. Fortunately for us, members of Congress will be back home all next week (April 30 – May 6) giving us a window of opportunity to tell your legislators to support the farm bill.

**It's imperative that every member of Congress hears from as many farmers and ranchers as possible.**

Congressional District Work Week:

**April 30 – May 6**

### **TOOLS TO GET THE JOB DONE**

**It only takes a few minutes to reach out to your representative but it will have a tremendous impact on the bill's success.**

Please do one of the following:

- Send an email - <https://www.fb.org/advocacy/farmbill/>
- Post your support on social media - <https://twitter.com/cspan/lists/members-of-congress/members?lang=en>
- **Attend a Town Hall Meeting – Face-to-face meetings generate good will and have lasting impact.**
- Call your representative – Congressional switchboard is (202) 224-3121. Ask for your representative and once connected, tell them you're a constituent and ask that they support the 2018 farm bill (H.R. 2).

### **WHAT TO SAY TO LEGISLATORS**

Congress has introduced the long-awaited 2018 farm bill (H.R. 2) and it addresses many long-standing issues important to farmers and ranchers:

- The bill would improve dairy and Title I commodity programs.
- Much-needed help for cotton farmers is included in the commodity title.
- The bill protects key features of federal crop insurance.
- Additional proposals include streamlining conservation programs, the specialty crop program and research and development programs.

This legislation recognizes the hardships farmers are facing due to the current farm economy crisis. Farmers and ranchers have faced rising costs and lower commodity prices for several years running. As a result, farm income is less than half what it was five years ago.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for stepping up! Farm Bureau members like you make a difference for agriculture and the rural communities in which we live. Please take a minute now to contact your representative!