



## STRATEGIC ISSUE UPDATE: FARM POLICY

The farm bill is a critical tool for ensuring our nation's food supply remains secure. Funding for this comprehensive package, which could more accurately be called a food and farm bill, includes risk management tools for farmers, access to nutrition for low-income families, conservation programs and investments in agricultural research.

### Top Things to Know

1	The Congressional Budget Office released projections on expected spending for farm bill programs for the 10-year baseline. Based on the 2024-2033 10-year outlay projection, a 2023 farm bill would cost nearly \$1.5 trillion, making it the most expensive on record. A recent <a href="#">Market Intel</a> goes in-depth on the projections.
2	The Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance (FACA) released its <a href="#">farm bill priorities</a> . AFBF is a founding member of FACA. It helped FACA's 23-member steering committee draft recommendations in six categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• conservation, risk management and credit</li><li>• energy</li><li>• food waste</li><li>• forestry</li><li>• livestock and dairy</li><li>• research, extension and innovation</li></ul>
3	AFBF President Zippy Duvall testified for four and a half hours before the <a href="#">House Agriculture Committee</a> on issues facing agriculture, including the need to pass a unified farm bill.

### What's Next?

- State Farm Bureaus are encouraged to utilize AFBF's final [2023 Farm Bill Priorities](#) in their outreach efforts to their congressional delegation.

### Resources

- [Policy information on The Feed](#)
- [AFBF website content](#)
- Policy Briefs:
  - [2023 Farm Bill Priorities](#)
  - [FACA Farm Bill Recommendations](#)
  - [Farm Bill Working Group White Papers: EQIP](#)
- [President Duvall's Written Testimony to House Ag Committee](#)
- [Farm Bill Talking Points](#)
- [FACA Farm Bill Talking Points](#)