

## S 141

A bill to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Jan 24, 2013)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Jan 28, 2013
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 30, 2013
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 11, 2013
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 8, 2013
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Apr 17, 2013
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 9, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 24, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 954	Related bill	<b>Sep 4, 2013:</b> By Senator Stabenow from Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate of 08/01/2013. Report No. 113-88. Additional views filed.
113 HR 2498	Related bill	<b>Jun 25, 2013:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
113 HR 1454	Identical bill	<b>Apr 10, 2013:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
113 S 10	Related bill	<b>Jan 22, 2013:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text of measure as introduced: CR S48-156)

## Summary (as of Jan 24, 2013)

Makes livestock indemnity payments (at 65% of an animal's market value) through FY2013 to eligible producers on farms that have incurred excess livestock death losses due to: (1) attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law, including wolves; or (2) adverse weather, including hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat, and extreme cold.

Establishes a livestock forage disaster program to provide one source for livestock forage disaster assistance for weather-related forage losses by combining: (1) the livestock forage assistance functions of the non insured crop disaster assistance program and the emergency assistance for livestock, honey bees, and farm-raised fish program; and (2) the livestock forage disaster program.

Provides assistance through FY2013 for forage losses: (1) due to drought on land that is native or improved pasture land with permanent vegetative cover or is planted to a crop planted specifically for the purpose of providing grazing for covered livestock; (2) on federally-managed rangeland due to a fire; and (3) due to weather-related conditions other than drought or fire on land that is native or improved pasture land with permanent vegetative cover, or is planted to a crop planted specifically for the purpose of providing grazing for covered livestock.

Provides funds through FY2013 for: (1) emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honey bees, and farm-raised fish to aid in the reduction of losses due to disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires; and (2) assistance to eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers that planted trees for commercial purposes but lost the trees as a result of a natural disaster, and to eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers that have a production history for commercial purposes on planted or existing trees but lost the trees as a result of a natural disaster (requires tree mortality to exceed 15%).

Amends the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to provide coverages based on individual yields (other than for value-loss crops) under the non insured crop disaster assistance program equivalent to: (1) catastrophic risk protection, or (2) specified additional coverage.

Makes additional program coverage available at 50% to 65% of established yield and 100% of average market price. Reduces the premium for additional coverage by 50% for limited resource, beginning, and socially disadvantaged farmers.

Makes assistance available as soon as practicable to producers with 2012 losses of certain fruit crops in counties declared a disaster due to freeze or frost.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 24, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 24, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S288)
- **Jan 24, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.