

## HR 5616

Urban Agriculture Production Act

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### Committee Activity

| Committee             | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Agriculture Committee | House   | Referred To | Sep 18, 2014 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Urban Agriculture Production Act - Requires the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to establish an urban agriculture outreach program to award grants to eligible entities for: (1) infrastructure, (2) land acquisition and conversion, (3) education and training, (4) assistance to farmers or ranchers in urban areas, and (5) other activities that support urban agricultural production.

Defines "eligible entities" to include a community organization, a nonprofit organization, a municipality, a local educational agency, an institution of higher education, or other entity determined by the USDA. Requires the USDA to give preference to grants for activities in historically underserved communities.

Amends the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to expand the purpose and duties of the USDA Office of Advocacy and Outreach to include activities on behalf of urban farmers or ranchers.

Requires the USDA to award grants for scientific research on promoting and enhancing agricultural production in urban areas.

Amends the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 to expand the Farmer's Market Promotion Program by adding loans and loan guarantees, expanding assistance for development of local food business enterprises, requiring that priority be given to grants that benefit urban areas, and providing additional funding.

Amends the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and provide additional funding.

Amends the Census of Agriculture Act of 1997 to require additional USDA reporting on farmers markets and agricultural production in urban areas.

## **Actions Timeline**

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