

## HR 6481

Urban Agriculture Production Act of 2016

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Dec 8, 2016
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Dec 8, 2016
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Dec 8, 2016
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Dec 8, 2016

### Committee Activity

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Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 8, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

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This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish an urban agriculture outreach program to award grants to support outreach activities for: (1) infrastructure, (2) land acquisition and conversion, (3) education and training, (4) technical and financial assistance to farmers or ranchers in urban areas, and (5) other activities that support urban agriculture. USDA must give preference to grants for activities in historically underserved communities.

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

USDA must award grants, on a competitive basis, for scientific and community-based participatory research related to urban agriculture. The bill provides specified funds for the grants and requires USDA to give priority to outreach activities to be carried out in historically underserved communities.

The bill amends the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 to: (1) establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees for projects or activities to establish, expand, and promote direct producer-to-consumer marketing and assist in the development of local food business enterprises; and (2) extend and provide additional funding for the Farmers' Market Promotion Program.

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

The bill 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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