

S 3042

Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 18, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 18, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2	Related bill	<b>Dec 20, 2018:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-334.
115 S 3681	Related bill	<b>Nov 29, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
115 HR 7004	Related bill	<b>Sep 28, 2018:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
115 S 3360	Related bill	<b>Aug 21, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S5761)
115 HR 6500	Related bill	<b>Jul 24, 2018:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
115 S 2997	Related bill	<b>Jun 5, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
115 HR 5316	Related bill	<b>Apr 30, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
115 HR 5485	Related bill	<b>Apr 12, 2018:</b> Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
115 S 2654	Related bill	<b>Apr 12, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
115 HR 5184	Related bill	<b>Mar 28, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
115 HR 5325	Related bill	<b>Mar 20, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
115 HR 4945	Related bill	<b>Mar 8, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
115 HR 4420	Related bill	<b>Dec 5, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
115 HR 2521	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2017:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
115 HR 2941	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2017:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
115 HR 3567	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2017:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
115 HR 3566	Related bill	<b>Sep 1, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
115 HR 2436	Related bill	<b>Jun 8, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
115 HR 2218	Related bill	<b>May 19, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
115 HR 1380	Related bill	<b>Apr 25, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
115 HR 1402	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
115 HR 1434	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
115 HR 51	Related bill	<b>Jan 13, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.

## Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018

This bill (commonly known as the farm bill) reauthorizes through FY2023 and modifies Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs that address:

- commodity support,
- conservation,
- trade and international food aid,
- nutrition assistance,
- farm credit,
- rural development,
- research and extension activities,
- forestry,
- energy,
- horticulture, and
- crop insurance.

The bill modifies agriculture and nutrition policies to:

- require farmers to make a new one-time election to obtain either Price Loss Coverage or Agricultural Risk Coverage for the 2019-2023 crop years;
- replace the Dairy Margin Protection Program with Dairy Risk Coverage and modify coverage levels and premiums;
- make Indian tribes and tribal organizations eligible for supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs;
- reduce the adjusted gross income limitation for receiving benefits under commodity and conservation programs;
- modify funding levels and requirements for several conservation programs,
- consolidate several existing trade and export promotion programs into a new Priority Trade Promotion, Development, and Assistance program;
- legalize industrial hemp and make hemp producers eligible for the federal crop insurance program;
- establish an interstate data system to prevent the simultaneous issuance of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) benefits to an individual by more than one state;
- increase the loan limits for farm ownership and operating loans;
- modify the experience requirement for farm ownership loans;
- authorize a categorical exclusion from requirements for environmental assessments and environmental impact statements for certain forest management projects with the primary purpose of protecting, restoring, or improving habitat for the greater sage-grouse or mule deer; and
- modify the organic certification requirements for imported agricultural products.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 18, 2018:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Reported by Senator Roberts with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jun 18, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 470.
- **Jun 13, 2018:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 11, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 11, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.