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Food and Farm Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		May 16, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 16, 2017
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 16, 2017
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 16, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 16, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5849	Related bill	**Jun 22, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
115 HR 5627	Related bill	**Apr 26, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
115 HR 3809	Related bill	**Oct 5, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
115 HR 2436	Related bill	**Jun 8, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
115 HR 1276	Related bill	**Mar 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
115 HR 1406	Related bill	**Mar 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.

Summary (as of Nov 16, 2017)

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This bill reauthorizes and modifies several Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs that address:

- commodity support,
- crop insurance,
- conservation,
- food assistance,
- nutrition,
- farm credit,
- beginning farmers and ranchers,
- food waste,
- research and educational programs,
- animal welfare, and
- regional food systems.

The bill modifies agriculture and nutrition policies to:

- repeal the Agriculture Risk Coverage Program and the Price Loss Coverage Program,
- impose additional limits on farm subsidies,
- extend crop insurance premium subsidies to farmers who plant crops to reduce erosion,
- require recipients of farm subsidies to comply with additional conservation requirements,
- authorize increased funding for conservation programs,
- authorize additional assistance under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program for organic farmers,
- establish a loan program for conservation-based structural improvements,
- increase Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) benefits,
- authorize additional assistance for beginning farmers and ranchers,
- establish the Office of Food Waste within USDA,
- authorize additional funding for research and education programs,
- require USDA to comply with certain animal welfare standards at federal agricultural research centers,
- require USDA to reinstate online posting of Animal Welfare Act and Horse Protection Act enforcement records, and
- expand grant and loan programs for local and regional food systems.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 16, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 16, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1581)
- **Nov 16, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs, 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.