

## HR 7379

American Agriculture First Act

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 20, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## American Agriculture First Act

This bill requires the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to purchase at least 75% of the agricultural commodities of the Food Purchase and Distribution Program from domestically owned enterprises if it is necessary to respond to trade damage from retaliation by foreign nations with respect to agricultural commodities.

The requirement does not apply if the Department of Agriculture reports to Congress that meeting the requirement

- is not possible because the agricultural commodities available from domestically owned enterprises cannot meet the supply needs of the AMS; or
- would result in a greater than 150% increase between (1) the amount necessary to purchase the agricultural commodities, and (2) the average cost of the agricultural commodities purchased by the AMS in the prior 3 years.

The authority provided by this bill expires on September 30, 2023.

## Actions Timeline

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