

## S 3693

A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to foster efficient markets and increase competition and transparency among packers that purchase livestock from producers.

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		May 12, 2020
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		May 12, 2020
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		May 12, 2020
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		May 12, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 12, 2020
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 12, 2020
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jul 22, 2020
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Aug 4, 2020
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Aug 11, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 8, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 17, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 12, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7501	Related bill	Sep 3, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.

This bill establishes that a minimum of 50% of a covered packer's daily volume of livestock slaughter must be purchased through spot market sales from nonaffiliated producers. (The term *covered packer* applies to a packer that is required to report to the Department of Agriculture each reporting day information on the price and quantity of livestock purchased by such packer and does not include a packer that owns only one livestock processing plant.)

A spot market sale is a purchase and sale of livestock by a packer from a producer under (1) an agreement that specifies a firm base price that may be equated with a fixed dollar amount on the date the agreement is entered into, (2) which the livestock are slaughtered not more than 14 days after the date on which the agreement is entered into, and (3) circumstances in which a reasonable competitive bidding opportunity exists on the date on which the agreement is entered into.

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### **Actions Timeline**

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