

## HR 4482

Protecting America's Food and Agriculture Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations. (Oct 2, 2019)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Dec 4, 2019
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Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Dec 10, 2019
Rep. Hagedorn, Jim [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Mar 4, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 24, 2019
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 2, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2107	Identical bill	Mar 3, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-122.

## Summary (as of Sep 24, 2019)

### Protecting America's Food and Agriculture Act of 2019

This bill authorizes U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), every fiscal year, to hire, train, and assign 240 new agricultural specialists until the total number of specialists equals and sustains the requirements identified each year in the Agriculture Resource Allocation Model.

The CBP may also hire, train, and assign support staff to assist the specialists and specified levels of agricultural canine teams.

In calculating the number of specialists needed at each port of entry through the Agriculture Resource Allocation Model, the Office of Field Operations of the CBP must (1) rely on data collected regarding the inspections and other activities conducted at each such port of entry; and (2) consider volume from seasonal surges, other projected changes in commercial and passenger volumes, the most current commercial forecasts, and other relevant information.

## Actions Timeline

- **Oct 2, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Sep 24, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 24, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.