

HR 2156

Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act

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Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Jun 24, 2025
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act

This bill waives the adjusted gross income limitations for payments or benefits under specific Department of Agriculture (USDA) disaster assistance programs for a person or legal entity that derives a portion of their income from agriculture. Currently, a person or entity is not eligible to receive certain benefits during a crop, fiscal, or program year if their average gross income exceeds \$900,000.

Specifically, in the case of an excepted payment or benefit, the adjusted gross income limitation is waived if 75% or more of the average adjusted gross income for the person or entity is derived from farming, ranching, or silviculture activities. These activities include agritourism, direct-to-consumer marketing of agricultural products, and the sale of agricultural equipment owned by such person or entity.

The bill applies to the USDA

- Livestock Indemnity Program;
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program;
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program;
- Tree Assistance Program; and
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

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