

## S 231

WEATHER Act of 2025

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Jan 23, 2025

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Jan 23, 2025)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/231>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 23, 2025
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 23, 2025
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 23, 2025
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 23, 2025
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 23, 2025
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 23, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 23, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 2435	Related bill	<b>Apr 18, 2025:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit.

## **Withstanding Extreme Agricultural Threats by Harvesting Economic Resilience Act of 2025 or the WEATHER Act of 2025**

This bill requires the federal crop insurance program (FCIP) to provide for the research and development of a single index insurance policy to insure against agricultural income losses due to covered weather conditions.

Specifically, the FCIP must develop a single index policy that is available in every state, each U.S. territory, and the District of Columbia to insure against agricultural income losses due to one or more covered weather conditions. *Covered weather conditions* are those found to be closely correlated with agricultural income losses, including high winds, excessive moisture and flooding, extreme heat, abnormal freeze conditions, wildfire, hail, drought, and any other severe weather or growing conditions applicable to small-scale farmers.

Under an index policy, claim payments are generally triggered based on a predetermined index that is entirely independent of the individual farm operation (e.g., rainfall level). Under such a policy, the payments are automatically triggered when the index reaches a certain level rather than when an insured farmer files a claim.

In carrying out the research and development, the FCIP must hold stakeholder meetings to solicit producer and agent feedback.

In addition, the FCIP must make publicly available a report on the results of the research and development, and any recommendations to Congress with respect to those results.

## Actions Timeline

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