

S 984

Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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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.

## Actions Timeline

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