



ACTION ALERT

June 29-July 6, 2007

SECURE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE POLICIES IN THE 2007 FARM BILL!!!

URGE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE TO CO-SPONSOR AND SUPPORT AMENDMENTS DURING FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP

The full House Agriculture Committee is scheduled to amend and vote on the farm bill the week of July 16th. **Between now and when they meet to markup, urge members of the House Agriculture Committee to support amendments that promote land stewardship, beginning farmers, organic research, and farmers' markets/local food systems.** These amendments must be included in House Agriculture Chairman Peterson's 'real'* farm bill proposal in order for them to receive real funding in the final version of the bill.

PLEASE CALL OR FAX IMMEDIATELY

It is easy to call or write. Please call your Representative's office (see list of Representatives and their contact information below) and ask for their aid that works on agriculture. If the agriculture aid is unavailable, leave a message with your name, phone number and the message below on the aid's voice mail or with the receptionist.

If you prefer to write, fax a brief letter with the points below, along with you name and address and contact information.

* The Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Collin Peterson (D-MN) announced June 29th that he will present two farm bills to the House Agriculture Committee: a "real" bill that is completely funded and a "reserve" bill with programs that will only be funded in the event that offsets are found. Amendments must be included in the "real" farm bill, with real money, for programs to meaningfully support family farm viability, healthy communities, local food systems, and successful rural economies.

The message is simple. I am a constituent (or resident of the state the Congressman/woman represents) and I am calling to urge Representative _____ to co-sponsor and stand up and express their support for the following amendments during the full House Agriculture Committee markup:

- *Support for beginning farmers and ranchers:*
 - o \$25 million in annual mandatory funding for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (amendment to be introduced by Rep. Tim Walz, D-MN)
 - o Conservation Reserve Program Farm Transition (amendment to be introduced by Rep. Tim Walz, D-MN and estimated to cost \$16 million over the length of the farm bill)

- *Incentives for superior conservation systems on land in agricultural production:*
 - o \$1 billion in additional mandatory funding for the Conservation Security Program (to be introduced by Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-NY)

- *Support for regional agricultural economies and local food systems:*
 - o \$25 million in annual mandatory funding for the Farmers Market Promotion Program (to be introduced by Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-NY)
 - o \$30 million in annual mandatory funding for Community Food Project Grants (not certain of sponsor yet)

- *Assistance for farmers' and ranchers' transition to organic production and for research that supports organic and sustainable agriculture systems:*
 - o \$50 million in annual mandatory funding for the Organic Conversion program (amendment to be introduced by Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-NY)
 - o \$15 million in annual mandatory funding for the Organic Farming Research and Extension Initiative (not certain of sponsor yet)

To download more information about these programs, please visit the following links:

[*Beginning Farmer and Rancher Initiative*](#)

[*Conservation Security Program*](#)

[*Farmers Market Promotion Program and Community Food Projects*](#)

[*Organic Provision and Sustainable Agriculture Research*](#)

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