

**En Bloc Amendment to HR 1947
Offered by Chairman Lucas
and
Ranking Member Peterson**

Amendments included in the en bloc are:

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MR. GIBBS OF OHIO
(Farm Bill Amendment)

At the end of title I, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1613. PROTECTION OF PRODUCER INFORMATION.**

2 (a) PROHIBITION OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PRO-
3 TECTED INFORMATION.—Except as provided in subsection
4 (b), the Secretary, any officer or employee of the Depart-
5 ment of Agriculture, any contractor or cooperator of the
6 Department, and any officer or employee of another Fed-
7 eral agency shall not disclose—

8 (1) information submitted by a producer or
9 owner of agricultural land to the Federal Govern-
10 ment pursuant to title I or II of this Act; or

11 (2) other information provided by a producer or
12 owner of agricultural land concerning the agricul-
13 tural operation, farming or conservation practices, or
14 the land itself in order to participate in programs of
15 the Department of Agriculture or other Federal
16 agencies.

17 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Information described in sub-
18 section (a) may be disclosed if—

1 (1) the information is required to be made pub-
2 licly available under any other provision of Federal
3 law;

4 (2) the producer or owner of agricultural land
5 who provided the information has lawfully publicly
6 disclosed the information;

7 (3) the producer or owner of agricultural land
8 who provided the information consents to the disclo-
9 sure; or

10 (4) the information is disclosed to the Attorney
11 General, to the extent necessary, to ensure compli-
12 ance and law enforcement.

13 (c) NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE.—Any disclosure of in-
14 formation pursuant to an exception provided in subsection
15 (b) shall be reported to the Committee on Agriculture of
16 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agri-
17 culture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate within 24
18 hours after the disclosure.

19 (d) PRODUCER DEFINED.—In this section, the term
20 “producer” has the meaning given that term in section
21 1104(14) of this Act.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MR. GIBBS OF OHIO
(Farm Bill Amendment)

At the end of section 1107, add the following new subsection:

- 1 (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit
2 to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
4 and Forestry of the Senate a report annually containing
5 an evaluation of the impact of price loss coverage and rev-
6 enue loss coverage—
- 7 (1) on the planting, production, price, and ex-
8 port of covered commodities; and
- 9 (2) on the cost of each commodity program.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947**OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA**

In section 2202(6), in the matter proposed to be inserted as section 1240B(j) of the Food Security Act of 1985, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), strike “under the program for conservation practices that support the restoration, development” and insert “to producers under the program for practices, including recurring practices for the term of the contract, that support the restoration, development, protection”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MRS. NEGRETE MCLEOD OF
CALIFORNIA

In section 7(f)(2)(B)(i) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016(f)(2)(B)(i)), as added by section 4002(b) of the bill, insert “and other direct-to-consumer markets” after “markets”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. RIBBLE OF WISCONSIN

At the end of title IV, add the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 **SEC. 4206. REVIEW OF PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS OF**
2 **WHITE POTATOES.**

3 The Secretary shall conduct a review of the economic
4 and public health benefits of white potatoes on low-income
5 families who are determined to be at nutritional risk. Not
6 later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act, the Secretary shall report the findings of this review
8 to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
10 and Forestry of the Senate.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____

OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA

In section 7(f)(5) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016(f)(5)), as added by section 4002(b)(2) of the bill, insert “a unique business identification and” after “maintain”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MR. BENISHEK OF MICHIGAN

After section 4015, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 **SEC. 4016. PILOT PROJECTS TO IMPROVE FEDERAL-STATE**
2 **COOPERATION AT IDENTIFYING AND REDUC-**
3 **ING FRAUD IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRI-**
4 **TION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

5 Section 12 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
6 (7 U.S.C. 2021) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(i) PILOT PROJECTS TO IMPROVE FEDERAL-STATE
9 COOPERATION AT IDENTIFYING AND REDUCING FRAUD
10 IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PRO-
11 GRAM.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
13 out, under such terms and conditions as determined
14 by the Secretary, pilot projects to test innovative
15 Federal-State partnerships to identify, investigate,
16 and reduce retailer fraud in the supplemental nutri-
17 tion assistance program, including allowing States to
18 operate retail Food Store investigation programs.

1 “(2) SELECTION CRITERIA.—Pilot projects shall
2 be selected based on criteria the Secretary estab-
3 lishes, which shall include—

4 “(A) enhancing existing efforts by the Sec-
5 retary to reduce retailer fraud;

6 “(B) requiring participant States to main-
7 tain their overall level of effort at addressing
8 recipient fraud, as determined by the Secretary,
9 prior to participation in the pilot project;

10 “(C) collaborating with other law enforce-
11 ment authorities as necessary to carry out an
12 effective pilot project;

13 “(D) commitment of the participant State
14 agency to follow Federal rules and procedures
15 with respect to retailer investigations; and

16 “(E) the extent to which a State has com-
17 mitted resources to recipient fraud and the rel-
18 ative success of those efforts.

19 “(3) EVALUATION.—

20 “(A) The Secretary shall evaluate the
21 projects selected under this subsection to meas-
22 ure the impact of the pilot projects.

23 “(B) Such evaluation shall include—

1 “(i) each pilot project’s impact on in-
2 creasing the Secretary’s capacity to ad-
3 dress retailer fraud;

4 “(ii) the effectiveness of the pilot
5 projects in identifying, preventing and re-
6 ducing retailer fraud; and

7 “(iii) the cost effectiveness of such
8 pilot projects.

9 “(4) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
10 September 30, 2017, the Secretary shall submit to
11 the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nu-
13 trition and Forestry of the Senate, a report that in-
14 cludes a description of the results of each pilot
15 project, including an evaluation of the impact of the
16 project on retailer fraud and the costs associated
17 with each pilot project.

18 “(5) FUNDING.—Any costs incurred by the
19 State to operate the pilot projects in excess of the
20 amount expended under this Act for retailer fraud in
21 the respective State in the previous fiscal year shall
22 not be eligible for Federal reimbursement under this
23 Act.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MR. HUDSON OF NORTH CAROLINA

At the end of section 4016, add the following:

1 (e) BAN ON RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES BY ENTITIES
2 THAT RECEIVE FUNDS.—Section 18 of the Food and Nu-
3 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2027) is amended by adding
4 at the end the following :

5 “(h) BAN ON RECRUITMENT BY ENTITIES THAT RE-
6 CEIVE FUNDS.—The Secretary shall issue regulations that
7 forbid entities that receive funds under this Act to com-
8 pensate any person for conducting outreach activities re-
9 lating to participation in, or for recruiting individuals to
10 apply to receive benefits under, the supplemental nutrition
11 assistance program if the amount of such compensation
12 would be based on the number of individuals who apply
13 to receive such benefits.”.

At the end of section 4031(a), insert the following
(and make such technical and conforming changes as
may be appropriate):

1 (3) did not include, during the time benefits
2 were provided, an individual who was then disquali-
3 fied from receiving benefits.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MRS. BUSTOS OF ILLINOIS
[2013 Farm Bill]

In section 6205(a), insert “(as amended by subsection (b))” before the period at the end.

In section 6205, after subsection (a), insert the following new subsection:

1 (b) ADDITION TO STUDY.—Section 6206(b) of the
2 Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law
3 110–246; 122 Stat. 1971) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the
5 end;

6 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at
7 the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(5) the sufficiency of infrastructure along wa-
11 terways in the United States and the impact of such
12 infrastructure on the movement of agricultural goods
13 in terms of safety, efficiency and speed, as well as

- 1 the benefits derived through upgrades and repairs to
- 2 locks and dams.”.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. MCINTYRE OF NORTH
CAROLINA
[2013 Farm Bill]

At the end of subtitle C of title VI, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 6207. ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES TECHNICAL
2 ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.

3 Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
4 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(19)) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(26) ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES
7 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
9 make grants to public bodies and private non-
10 profit corporations, such as States, counties,
11 cities, townships, and incorporated towns and
12 villages, boroughs, authorities, districts and In-
13 dian tribes on Federal and State reservations
14 which will serve rural areas for the purpose of
15 enabling them to provide to associations de-
16 scribed in this subsection technical assistance
17 and training, with respect to essential commu-

1 nity facilities programs authorized under this
2 subsection, to—

3 “(i) assist communities in identifying
4 and planning for community facility needs;

5 “(ii) identify public and private re-
6 sources to finance community facilities
7 needs;

8 “(iii) prepare reports and surveys nec-
9 essary to request financial assistance to de-
10 velop community facilities;

11 “(iv) prepare applications for financial
12 assistance;

13 “(v) improve the management, includ-
14 ing financial management, related to the
15 operation of community facilities; or

16 “(vi) assist with other areas of need
17 identified by the Secretary.

18 “(B) SELECTION PRIORITY.—In selecting
19 recipients of grants under this paragraph, the
20 Secretary shall give priority to private, non-
21 profit, or public organizations that have experi-
22 ence in providing technical assistance and train-
23 ing to rural entities.

24 “(C) FUNDING.—Not less than 3 nor more
25 than 5 percent of any funds appropriated to

1 carry out each of the essential community facili-
2 ties grant, loan and loan guarantee programs as
3 authorized under this subsection for any fiscal
4 year shall be reserved for grants under this
5 paragraph.”.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MS. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM OF
NEW MEXICO

Strike section 6001 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 6001. WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND WASTEWATER**
2 **FACILITY GRANTS.**

3 Section 306(a)(2)(B)(vii) of the Consolidated Farm
4 and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(2)(B)(vii))
5 is amended by striking “2008 through 2012” and insert-
6 ing “2014 through 2018”.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. BENISHEK OF MICHIGAN
(Farm Bill Amendment)

At the end of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8403. ABILITY OF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS**
2 **TO MEET NEEDS OF LOCAL WOOD PRO-**
3 **DUCING FACILITIES FOR RAW MATERIALS.**

4 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit
6 to Congress a report containing—

7 (1) an assessment of the raw material needs of
8 wood producing facilities located within the bound-
9 aries of each unit of the National Forest System or
10 located outside of the unit, but within 100 miles of
11 such boundaries;

12 (2) the volume of timber which would be avail-
13 able if the unit of the National Forest System annu-
14 ally sold its Allowable Sale Quantity in the current
15 Forest Plan;

16 (3) the volume of timber actually sold and har-
17 vested from each unit of the National Forest System
18 for the previous decade,

1 (4) a comparison of the volume actually sold
2 and harvested from the previous decade to the Al-
3 lowable Sale Quantity calculated in that decade by
4 preceding or current forest plans; and

5 (5) an assessment of the ability of each unit of
6 National Forest System to meet the needs of these
7 facilities for raw materials.



AMENDMENT TO H.R.
OFFERED BY MS. DELBENE OF WASHINGTON

At the end of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 83 ___. REIMBURSEMENT OF FIRE FUNDS EXPENDED**
2 **BY A STATE FOR MANAGEMENT AND SUP-**
3 **PRESSION OF CERTAIN WILDFIRES.**

4 (a) DEFINITION OF STATE.—In this section, the term
5 “State” includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

6 (b) REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORITY.—If a State seeks
7 reimbursement for amounts expended for resources and
8 services provided to another State for the management
9 and suppression of a wildfire, the Secretary of Agriculture,
10 subject to subsections (c) and (d)—

11 (1) may accept the reimbursement amounts
12 from the other State; and

13 (2) shall pay those amounts to the State seek-
14 ing reimbursement.

15 (c) MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT.—As a condi-
16 tion of seeking and providing reimbursement under sub-
17 section (b), the State seeking reimbursement and the
18 State providing reimbursement must each have a mutual
19 assistance agreement with the Forest Service or an agency

1 of the Department of the Interior for providing and receiv-
2 ing wildfire management and suppression resources and
3 services.

4 (d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary of Ag-
5 riculture may prescribe the terms and conditions deter-
6 mined to be necessary to carry out subsection (b).

7 (e) EFFECT ON PRIOR REIMBURSEMENTS.—Any ac-
8 ceptance of funds or reimbursements made by the Sec-
9 retary of Agriculture before the date of enactment of this
10 Act that otherwise would have been authorized under this
11 section shall be considered to have been made in accord-
12 ance with this section.

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. GOODLATTE OF VIRGINIA
(Farm Bill Amendment)

At the end of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8403. REPORT ON THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM**
2 **ROADS.**

3 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress
5 a report on the following:

6 (1) The total mileage of National Forest Sys-
7 tem roads and trails not meeting forest plan stand-
8 ards and guidelines.

9 (2) The total amount, in dollars, of Capital Im-
10 provement & Maintenance deferred maintenance
11 needs for National Forest System roads, including a
12 five-year analysis in the trend in total deferred
13 maintenance costs.

14 (3) The sources of funds used for capital im-
15 provement & maintenance roads, including appro-
16 priated funds, mandatory funds, and receipts from
17 activities on National Forest System lands.

1 (4) The impact of road closures on recreational
2 activities and timber harvesting.

3 (5) The impact on land acquisitions, whether
4 through fee acquisition, donation, or easement, on
5 the maintenance backlog.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MR. NOLAN OF MINNESOTA

At the end of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8403. GREEN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**
2 **RESEARCH UNDER FOREST AND RANGELAND**
3 **RENEWABLE RESOURCES RESEARCH ACT OF**
4 **1978.**

5 (a) **ADDITIONAL FORESTRY AND RANGELAND RE-**
6 **SEARCH AND EDUCATION HIGH PRIORITY.**—Section
7 3(d)(2) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources
8 Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(d)(2)) is amended
9 by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

10 “(F) Science and technology transfer,
11 through the Forest Products Laboratory, to
12 demonstrate the beneficial characteristics of
13 wood as a green building material, including in-
14 vestments in life cycle assessment for wood
15 products.”.

16 (b) **RESEARCH FACILITIES AND COOPERATION.**—
17 Section 4 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Re-
18 sources Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1643) is amend-
19 ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

1 “(e) The Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
2 Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Com-
3 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Sen-
4 ate an annual report describing, for the period covered by
5 the report—

6 “(1) the research conducted in furtherance of
7 the research and education priority specified in sec-
8 tion 3(d)(2)(F);

9 “(2) the number of buildings the Forest Service
10 has built with wood as the primary structural mate-
11 rial; and

12 “(3) the investments made by the Forest Serv-
13 ice in green building wood promotion.”.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MR. SCHRADER OF OREGON

At the end of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8403. EXTENSION OF STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTS AU-**
2 **THORITY REGARDING USE OF DESIGNATION**
3 **BY PRESCRIPTION TO ALL THINNING SALES**
4 **UNDER NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT**
5 **ACT OF 1976.**

6 Subsection (g) of section 14 of the National Forest
7 Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a) is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 “(g) Designation, including but not limited to, mark-
10 ing when necessary, designation by description, or des-
11 ignation by prescription, and supervision of harvesting of
12 trees, portions of trees, or forest products shall be con-
13 ducted by persons employed by the Secretary of Agri-
14 culture. Such persons shall have no personal interest in
15 the purchase or harvest of such products and shall not
16 be directly or indirectly in the employment of the pur-
17 chaser thereof. Designation by prescription and designa-
18 tion by prescription shall be considered valid methods for
19 designation, and may be supervised by use of post-harvest

- 1 cruise, sample weight scaling, or other methods deter-
- 2 mined by the Secretary to be appropriate.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. LAMALFA OF CALIFORNIA
[2013 Farm Bill]

Page 509, after line 3, add the following new sub-
section:

1 (e) USE OF FUNDS FOR CLEAN PLANT NETWORK.—
2 Section 420 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7721),
3 as amended by subsection (a), is amended by adding at
4 the end the following new subsection:
5 “(h) USE OF FUNDS FOR CLEAN PLANT NET-
6 WORK.—Of the funds made available under subsection (f)
7 to carry out this section for a fiscal year, not less than
8 \$5,000,000 shall be available to carry out the national
9 clean plant network under subsection (e).”.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. RIBBLE OF WISCONSIN
[2013 Farm Bill]

In section 10007, after paragraph (2), insert the following new paragraph:

- 1 (3) in subsection (d)—
- 2 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
- 3 the end;
- 4 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
- 5 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and
- 6 (C) by adding at the end the following new
- 7 paragraph:
- 8 “(4) an assurance that any grant funds re-
- 9 ceived under this section that are used for equip-
- 10 ment or capital-related research costs determined to
- 11 enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops—
- 12 “(A) shall be supplemented by the expendi-
- 13 ture of State funds in an amount that is not
- 14 less than 50 percent of such costs during the
- 15 fiscal year in which such costs were incurred;
- 16 and

1 “(B) shall be completely replaced by State
2 funds on the day after the date on which such
3 fiscal year ends.”;



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA
(Farm Bill Amendment)

At the end of title X, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 100 ____ . STUDY ON PROPOSED ORDER PERTAINING TO**
2 **SULFURYL FLUORIDE.**

3 Not later than two years after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
5 tection Agency, in conjunction with the Secretary of Agri-
6 culture, shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of
7 the House of Representatives a report on the potential
8 economic and public health effects that would result from
9 finalization of the proposed order published in the Janu-
10 ary 19, 2011, Federal Register (76 Fed. Reg. 3422) per-
11 taining to the pesticide sulfuranyl fluoride, including the an-
12 ticipated impacts of such finalization on the production
13 of an adequate, wholesome, and economical food supply
14 and on farmers and related agricultural sectors.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. SCHRADER OF OREGON
[2013 Farm Bill]

At the end of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12308. STAY OF REGULATIONS RELATED TO CHRIST-**
2 **MAS TREE PROMOTION, RESEARCH, AND IN-**
3 **FORMATION ORDER.**

4 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall lift
6 the administrative stay that was imposed by the rule enti-
7 tled "Christmas Tree Promotion, Research, and Informa-
8 tion Order; Stay of Regulations" and published by the De-
9 partment of Agriculture on November 17, 2011 (76 Fed.
10 Reg. 71241), on the regulations issued under subpart A
11 of part 214 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, estab-
12 lishing an industry-funded promotion, research, and infor-
13 mation program for fresh cut Christmas trees.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MR. COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT

At the end of title X, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 10014. STUDY ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL FOOD PRO-**
2 **DUCTION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture
4 shall—

5 (1) collect data on the production and mar-
6 keting of locally or regionally produced agricultural
7 food products;

8 (2) facilitate interagency collaboration and data
9 sharing on programs related to local and regional
10 food systems; and

11 (3) monitor the effectiveness of programs de-
12 signed to expand or facilitate local food systems.

13 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out this section,
14 the Secretary shall—

15 (1) collect and distribute comprehensive report-
16 ing of prices of locally or regionally produced agri-
17 cultural food products;

18 (2) conduct surveys and analysis and publish
19 reports relating to the production, handling, dis-
20 tribution, retail sales, and trend studies (including

1 consumer purchasing patterns) of or on locally or re-
2 regionally produced agricultural food products;

3 (3) evaluate the effectiveness of existing pro-
4 grams in growing local and regional food systems,
5 including—

6 (A) the impact of local food systems on job
7 creation and economic development;

8 (B) the level of participation in the Farm-
9 ers' Market and Local Food Promotion Pro-
10 gram established under section 6 of the Farm-
11 er-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976
12 (7 U.S.C. 3005), including the percentage of
13 projects funded in comparison to applicants and
14 the types of eligible entities receiving funds;

15 (C) the ability for participants to leverage
16 private capital and a synopsis of the places
17 from which non-Federal funds are derived; and

18 (D) any additional resources required to
19 aid in the development or expansion of local
20 and regional food systems;

21 (4) expand the Agricultural Resource Manage-
22 ment Survey to include questions on locally or re-
23 gionally produced agricultural food products; and

24 (5) seek to establish or expand private-public
25 partnerships to facilitate, to the maximum extent

1 practicable, the collection of data on locally or re-
2 regionally produced agricultural food products, includ-
3 ing the development of a nationally coordinated and
4 regionally balanced evaluation of the redevelopment
5 of locally or regionally produced food systems.

6 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until
8 September 30, 2018, the Secretary shall submit to the
9 Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives
10 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-
11 estry of the Senate a report describing the progress that
12 has been made in implementing this section and identi-
13 fying any additional needs related to developing local and
14 regional food systems.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____

**OFFERED BY MR. RODNEY DAVIS OF ILLINOIS,
MR. LAMALFA OF CALIFORNIA, AND MR.**

NOLAN OF MINNESOTA *& Mr. Enyart of Illinois*

[2013 Farm Bill]

At the end of title X of the bill, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. _____ SEED NOT PESTICIDE OR DEVICE FOR PUR-**
2 **POSES OF IMPORTATION.**

3 Section 17(c) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide,
4 and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136o(c)) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following new sentences: "For pur-
6 poses of this subsection, seed, including treated seed, shall
7 not be considered a pesticide or device. Nothing in this
8 subsection shall be construed as precluding or limiting the
9 authority of the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to
10 the importation or movement of plants, plant products, or
11 seeds, under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 et
12 seq.) or the Federal Seed Act (7 U.S.C. 1551 et seq.)."

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MR. COSTA OF CALIFORNIA

In the amendment made by section 11021, add at
the end the following new paragraph:

1 “(23) STUDY OF FOOD SAFETY INSURANCE.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall
3 offer to enter into a contract with 1 or more
4 qualified entities to conduct a study to deter-
5 mine whether offering policies that provide cov-
6 erage for specialty crops from food safety and
7 contamination issues would benefit agricultural
8 producers.

9 “(B) SUBJECT.—The study described in
10 subparagraph (A) shall evaluate policies and
11 plans of insurance coverage that provide protec-
12 tion for production or revenue impacted by food
13 safety concerns including, at a minimum, gov-
14 ernment, retail, or national consumer group an-
15 nouncements of a health advisory, removal, or
16 recall related to a contamination concern.

17 “(C) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year
18 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
19 the Corporation shall submit to the Committee

1 on Agriculture of the House of Representatives
2 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
3 and Forestry of the Senate a report that de-
4 scribes the results of the study conducted under
5 subparagraph (A).”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. CRAWFORD OF ARKANSAS
[2013 Farm Bill]

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12308. EVALUATION REQUIRED FOR PURPOSES OF**
2 **PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OR RELOCATION**
3 **OF COUNTY OFFICES FOR THE FARM SERV-**
4 **ICE AGENCY.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OR RELOCATION OF
6 OFFICES WITH HIGH WORKLOAD VOLUME.—Section
7 14212 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008
8 (7 U.S.C. 6932a) is amended by striking subsection (a)
9 and inserting the following subsection:

10 “(a) PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OR RELOCATION OF
11 OFFICES WITH HIGH WORKLOAD VOLUME.—The Sec-
12 retary of Agriculture may not close or relocate a county
13 or field office of the Farm Service Agency in a State if
14 the Secretary determines, after conducting the evaluation
15 required under subsection (b)(1)(B), that the office has
16 a high workload volume compared with other county of-
17 fices in the State.”.

1 (b) WORKLOAD EVALUATION.—Section 14212(b)(1)
2 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6932a(b)(1)) is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and
4 (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and moving
5 the margins of such clauses two ems to the right;

6 (2) by striking “the Farm Service Agency, to
7 the maximum extent practicable” and inserting “the
8 Farm Service Agency—

9 “(A) to the maximum extent practicable”;

10 (3) in clause (ii) (as redesignated by paragraph
11 (1))—

12 (A) by inserting “as of the date of the en-
13 actment of this Act” after “employees”; and

14 (B) by striking the period at the end and
15 inserting “; and”; and

16 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 paragraph:

18 “(B) conduct and complete an evaluation
19 of all workload assessments for Farm Service
20 Agency county offices that were open and oper-
21 ational as of January 1, 2012, during the pe-
22 riod that begins on a date that is not later than
23 180 days after the date of the enactment of the
24 Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Manage-

1 ment Act of 2013 and ends on the date that is
2 18 months after such date of enactment.”.

3 (c) NOTICE REQUIRED.—Section 14212(b)(2) of
4 such Act (7 U.S.C. 6932a(b)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
6 by striking “After the period referred to in sub-
7 section (a)(1), the Secretary of Agriculture may not
8 close a county or field office of the Farm Service
9 Agency unless—” and inserting “After carrying out
10 each of the activities required under paragraph (1),
11 the Secretary of Agriculture shall, before closing a
12 county or field office of the Farm Service Agency—
13 ”;

14 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “the Sec-
15 retary holds” and inserting “hold”; and

16 (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking “the Sec-
17 retary notifies” and inserting “notify”.

18 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
19 14212(b)(1) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6932a(b)(1)) is amend-
20 ed by striking “After the period referred to in subsection
21 (a)(1), the Secretary” and inserting “The Secretary”.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT
[2013 Farm Bill]

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12308. ACER ACCESS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Agri-
3 culture may make competitive grants to States, tribal gov-
4 ernments, and research institutions to support the efforts
5 of such States, tribal governments, and research institu-
6 tions to promote the domestic maple syrup industry
7 through the following activities:

8 (1) Promotion of research and education related
9 to maple syrup production.

10 (2) Promotion of natural resource sustainability
11 in the maple syrup industry.

12 (3) Market promotion for maple syrup and
13 maple-sap products.

14 (4) Encouragement of owners and operators of
15 privately-held land containing species of trees in the
16 genus *Acer*—

17 (A) to initiate or expand maple-sugaring
18 activities on the land; or

1 (B) to voluntarily make the land available,
2 including by lease or other means, for access by
3 the public for maple-sugaring activities.

4 (b) APPLICATION.—In submitting an application for
5 a competitive grant under this section, a State or tribal
6 government shall include—

7 (1) a description of the activities to be sup-
8 ported using the grant funds;

9 (2) a description of the benefits that the State
10 or tribal government intends to achieve as a result
11 of engaging in such activities; and

12 (3) an estimate of the increase in maple-sug-
13 aring activities or maple syrup production that the
14 State or tribal government anticipates will occur as
15 a result of engaging in such activities.

16 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
17 tion shall be construed so as to preempt a State or tribal
18 government law, including a State or tribal government
19 liability law.

20 (d) DEFINITION OF MAPLE-SUGARING.—In this sec-
21 tion, the term “maple-sugaring” means the collection of
22 sap from any species of tree in the genus *Acer* for the
23 purpose of boiling to produce food.

1 (e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Agriculture
2 shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to
3 carry out this section.

4 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
6 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MR. RODNEY DAVIS OF ILLINOIS

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 12308. REGULATORY REVIEW BY THE SECRETARY OF
2 AGRICULTURE.

3 (a) REVIEW OF REGULATORY AGENDA.—The Sec-
4 retary of Agriculture shall review publications that may
5 give notice that the Environmental Protection Agency is
6 preparing or plans to prepare any guidance, policy, memo-
7 randum, regulation, or statement of general applicability
8 and future effect that may have a significant impact on
9 a substantial number of agricultural entities, including—

10 (1) any regulatory agenda of the Environmental
11 Protection Agency published pursuant to section 602
12 of title 5, United States Code;

13 (2) any regulatory plan or agenda published by
14 the Environmental Protection Agency or the Office
15 of Management and Budget pursuant to an Execu-
16 tive order, including Executive Order 12866; and

17 (3) any other publication issued by the Environ-
18 mental Protection Agency or the Office of Manage-
19 ment and Budget that may reasonably be foreseen

1 to contain notice of plans by the Environmental Pro-
2 tection Agency to prepare any guidance, policy,
3 memorandum, regulation, or statement of general
4 applicability and future effect that may have a sig-
5 nificant impact on a substantial number of agricul-
6 tural entities.

7 (b) INFORMATION GATHERING.—For a publication
8 item reviewed under subsection (a) that the Secretary de-
9 termines may have a significant impact on a substantial
10 number of agricultural entities, the Secretary shall—

11 (1) solicit from the Administrator of the Envi-
12 ronmental Protection Agency any information the
13 Administrator may provide to facilitate a review of
14 the publication item;

15 (2) utilize the Chief Economist of the Depart-
16 ment of Agriculture to produce an economic impact
17 statement for the publication item that contains a
18 detailed estimate of potential costs to agricultural
19 entities;

20 (3) identify individuals representative of poten-
21 tially affected agricultural entities for the purpose of
22 obtaining advice and recommendations from such in-
23 dividuals about the potential impacts of the publica-
24 tion item; and

1 (4) convene a review panel for analysis of the
2 publication item that includes the Secretary, any
3 full-time Federal employee of the Department of Ag-
4 riculture appointed to the panel by the Secretary,
5 and any employee of the Environmental Protection
6 Agency or the Office of Information and Regulatory
7 Affairs within the Office of Management and Budget
8 that accepts an invitation from the Secretary to par-
9 ticipate in the panel.

10 (c) DUTIES OF THE REVIEW PANEL.—A review panel
11 convened for a publication item under subsection (b)(4)
12 shall—

13 (1) review any information or material obtained
14 by the Secretary and prepared in connection with
15 the publication item, including any draft proposed
16 guidance, policy, memorandum, regulation, or state-
17 ment of general applicability and future effect;

18 (2) collect advice and recommendations from
19 agricultural entity representatives identified by the
20 Administrator after consultation with the Secretary;

21 (3) compile and analyze such advice and rec-
22 ommendations; and

23 (4) make recommendations to the Secretary
24 based on the information gathered by the review

1 panel or provided by agricultural entity representa-
2 tives.

3 (d) COMMENTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
5 the date the Secretary convenes a review panel pur-
6 suant to subsection (b)(4), the Secretary shall sub-
7 mit to the Administrator comments on the planned
8 or proposed guidance, policy, memorandum, regula-
9 tion, or statement of general applicability and future
10 effect for consideration and inclusion in any related
11 administrative record, including—

12 (A) a report by the Secretary on the con-
13 cerns of agricultural entities;

14 (B) the findings of the review panel;

15 (C) the findings of the Secretary, including
16 any adopted findings of the review panel; and

17 (D) recommendations of the Secretary.

18 (2) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall publish
19 the comments in the Federal Register and make the
20 comments available to the public on the public Inter-
21 net website of the Department of Agriculture.

22 (e) WAIVERS.—The Secretary may waive initiation of
23 the review panel under subsection (b)(4) as the Secretary
24 determines appropriate.

1 (f) DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL ENTITY.—In this
2 section, the term “agricultural entity” means any entity
3 involved in or related to agricultural enterprise, including
4 enterprises that are engaged in the business of production
5 of food and fiber, ranching and raising of livestock, aqua-
6 culture, and all other farming and agricultural related in-
7 dustries.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MR. GALLEGOS OF TEXAS

At the end of title XII, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 12308. REPORT ON BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS IN TEXAS.

2 Not later than December 31, 2014, the Secretary of
3 Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture
4 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
5 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a re-
6 port on the incidence of bovine tuberculosis in cattle in
7 Texas. The report shall cover the period beginning on Jan-
8 uary 1, 1997, and ending on December 31, 2013.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MS. FUDGE OF OHIO

At the end of subtitle B of title XII of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12203. SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND**
2 **RANCHERS POLICY RESEARCH CENTER.**

3 Section 2501 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation,
4 and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279), as amended by
5 section 12201, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(i) **SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND**
8 **RANCHERS POLICY RESEARCH CENTER.**—The Secretary
9 shall award a grant to a college or university eligible to
10 receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C.
11 321 et seq.), including Tuskegee University, to establish
12 a policy research center to be known as the ‘Socially Dis-
13 advantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Research Cen-
14 ter’ for the purpose of developing policy recommendations
15 for the protection and promotion of the interests of so-
16 cially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.”.

