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2018 Farm Bill Summary by Title

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Farm Bill Titles

- Title I - Commodities
- Title II - Conservation
- Title III - Trade
- Title IV - Nutrition
- Title V - Credit
- Title VI - Rural Development
- Title VII - Research, Extension, and Related Matters
- Title VIII - Forestry

Farm Bill Titles

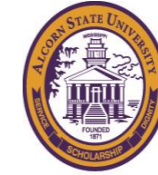
- Title IX - Energy
- Title X - Horticulture
- Title XI - Crop Insurance
- Title XII - Miscellaneous



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TITLE I - COMMODITIES



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- Section 1104 Payment Yields
 - Owners of all farms in the county are given a one-time opportunity to update yields
- Section 1104 Payment Acres
 - Exception to current law for SDFR, beginning and veteran farmers or ranchers from the minimum 10 base acre test for PLC or ARC payments

TITLE II - CONSERVATION



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- Section 2304 Establishment and Administration
 - The advance payment option to SDFR for EQIP notification must be provided
- Section 2406 Emergency Conservation Program
 - Set a maximum cost share rate at 75% except for Limited Resource: Beginning: or Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers. Payment limit of \$500,000 (2403)

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- Section 2411 Regional Conservation Partnership Program
 - Managers expect the Secretary to work with eligible partners to ensure participation by beginning farmers, veterans, SDFR, and limited resource farmers and ranchers in projects, and to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to these groups.

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- Section 2501 Funding Report on Program Enrollments and Assistance
 - While the conference did not increase the set-aside for SDFR, it did direct USDA to update funding allocations to reflect changing demographics and increase enrollment by SDFR

TITLE IV - NUTRITION



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- Section 4015 Work Requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
 - The Bill does not require household with members ages 18 - 59 to work, and participate in employment training
- Section 4019 Nutrition Education
 - The manager recognizes the role of land-grant colleges and universities in implementing, evaluating and improving nutrition education

TITLE V - CREDIT



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- Section 5103 Farm Ownership Loan Limit
 - Direct loans increased from \$300,000 to \$600,000
 - Guaranteed loan increased to \$1,750,000
- Section 5201 Farm Operating Loans
 - Direct loans increased from \$300,000 to \$400,000
 - Guaranteed loan increased to \$1,750,000

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- Section 5104 Loans to Purchasers of Land with Undivided Interest and No Administrative Authority
 - **Pilot projects** - loans and guarantee loans to cooperatives, credit unions, and nonprofit organizations to include individuals and entities to **relend** for projects that assist heirs with undivided ownership
- Section 5306 SDFR Qualified Beginning Farmers and Ranchers
 - Requires the Secretary to waive the guarantee fee of 1.5% and provide a 95% guarantee for guaranteed loans to SDFR (BFR)

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- Section 5416 Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers
 - Requires the Comptroller General of United States to conduct a study to assess the credit and related services provided by agricultural credit providers to SDFR to review the overall participation of SDFR in such services, and identify barriers that limit the availability of agricultural credit to SDFR
 - The Comptroller General must report to Congress within 120 days



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TITLE VI - RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Section 6201 Access to Broadband Telecommunications Services in Rural Areas, Underserved Areas
 - Increase from **15** to **50 percent** the share of households in a proposed service area that must be underserved as having service levels below the minimum acceptable service level
- Section 6403 Water, Waste, Disposal and Waste Water Facility Grants
 - **Increase** the grant amount from **\$100,000** to **\$200,000** (2019-2023)
 - **Decrease** the appropriations from **\$30M** to **\$15M** per year



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TITLE VI - RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Section 6210 Household Water Well Systems
 - Increase authorization to \$40 million annually and reduce the eligibility threshold from households to those whose income is not more than 60 percent of the median nonmetropolitan household income for the state
- Section 6424 Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant Program
 - Establish job accelerators to improve the ability of distressed rural communities to create high-wage jobs, accelerate the formation of new businesses and help rural communities identify and maximize local assets

TITLE VII - RESEARCH



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- Section 7114 Extension Carryover at 1890 Land-Grant Colleges
 - Allow 1890 colleges to carry forward to the succeeding fiscal year more than 20 percent of funds they receive effective October 1, 2018
- Section 7115 Report on Allocation and Matching Funds for 1890 Institutions
 - Require an annual report to Congress describing allocations made to matching funds received by institutions

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- Section 7111 Land Grant Designation
 - Except for 1994 institutions, prohibit additional designations to receive funds
- Section 7117 Scholarships for Students at 1890 Institutions
 - Provides \$10 million in mandatory funds and \$10 million in discretionary funding for each FY 2020 through 2023 for students with career in food and agricultural related sciences

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- Section 7212 Urban, Indoor and Other Emerging Agriculture Production Research, Education and Extension
 - Authorizes competitive research and extension grants

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- Section 7213 Centers of Excellence of 1890 Institutions
 - Establish at least three Centers of Excellence, each led by an 1890 focus on one or more of:
 - student success and workforce development
 - nutrition, health, wellness and quality of life
 - farming systems and rural prosperity
 - global food security; defense natural resources
 - energy and environment; and emerging technologies
 - \$40 million each year 2019 - 2023

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- Section 7504 Competitive Special and Facilities Research Grants Act (AFRI)
 - To include barriers to entry for youth, beginning, socially disadvantaged, Veteran and Immigrant Farmers and Ranchers
- Section 7603 Reinstatement of Washington, DC Matching Requirement Extension
 - As of October 1, 2018, Washington, DC is reinstated as Land Grant

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- Section 7602 Research and Extension Funding Equity for Recently Designated 1890 Institutions
 - Add funding to ensure that funding is not less than the prior year at least \$3,000,000 year

TITLE XII - MISCELLANEOUS



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- Section 12301 Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach
 - Provided \$50 million for 2501 in mandatory funding by 2023 plus \$50 million per year in appropriations 2018 – 2023
 - (Note mandatory funding in FY 2019 and 2020 at \$30 million; in 2021 at \$35 million and FY 2023 at \$40 million; and \$50 million in 2023 and every year thereafter.
 - Funds to be equally between SDFR and beginning farmers and ranchers.
 - Five percent of the SDFR funds will be provided to the Policy Center
 - Limit 2501 grants to \$250,000 and no longer than 3 years

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- Section 12302 Urban Agriculture. (a) Establish an office and Director of Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production; (b) establish an Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee; (c) provide for the assignment of a farm number for roof top, indoor, and other urban farms; (d) authority to make grants to operate community gardens or nonprofit farms, educate a community; (e) establish pilot projects to increase compost and reduce food waste, and create urban and suburban county committees.

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- Section 12203 Office of Advocacy and Outreach. Change the name of the "Office of Advocacy" to "Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement."
- Section 12206 Youth Outreach and Beginning Farmer Coordination. Establish the position of Agricultural Youth Coordinator to promote the role of youth-serving organizations. Identify USDA short and long-term interests, and other youth interests.

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- Section 12306 State Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Coordination
 - Establish a National Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Coordinator
- Section 12403 Civil Rights Analysis
 - Requires the Secretary to conduct a civil rights analysis of certain actions of USDA; requires the Comptroller General to conduct a study of various efforts of USDA concerning civil rights. (Include USDA processing and resolving CR complaints, minority participation rates in farm programs, and implementation of the realignment of CR functions of USDA)

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- Section 12405 Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation
 - Created the position
- Section 12407 Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development
 - Create the position permanently
- Section 12409 Rural Health Liaison
 - Establishes a rural liaison to coordinate USDA role in rural health with other Departments

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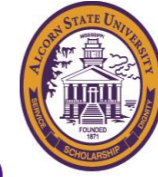


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- Section 12410 Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)
 - Requires the Secretary to provide a 60-day notice to House and Senate Ag Committees, before closing an Office of NRCS, or relocating personnel in NRCS or Rural Development
- Section 12508 Century Farms Program
 - Establishes a program recognizing farms in the same family for 100 years or more.
- Section 12511 Precision Agriculture Connectivity
 - Highlights importance of precision agriculture

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- Section 12615 Eligibility for Operators On Heirs Property Land to Obtain A Farm Number
 - Directs the Secretary to provide a farm number on Heirs property that meets guidelines provided
- Section 12607 Farmland Ownership Data Collection
 - Directs the Secretary to collect every 5 years, data on farmland ownership.