



## **The Farm Bill needs to:**

- **Advance racial equity**
- **Build a climate resilient future**
- **Invest in healthy communities**
- **Level the playing field for small and mid sized farmers**

Farmer Ibrahim at the Juniper Gardens Training Farm in Kansas City, KS  
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- ❑ The next Farm Bill must provide regional investments that promote supply chain resiliency and thriving local food economies, which must include:
  - ❑ Investment infrastructure for processing, aggregation, and distribution
  - ❑ USDA procurement that supports local markets whether managed cooperatively at the local level or at the federal level
  - ❑ Food safety training, business development assistance, and value-chain coordination to connect producers to new, scaled markets

## Local Farms and Food Act

S. 1205 | H.R. 2723

Program reforms across three programs:

- Local Agriculture Market Program
  - Simplified grant applications
  - Equipment investments
  - Increased funding
- Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program
  - Reducing match requirements
- Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
  - Increased funding

## Supporting Urban and Innovative Farming Act

S. 2591 | H.R. 5915

Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production reforms:

- improve the content and delivery of technical assistance to urban and innovative producers,
- enables cooperative agreements with community experts
- Increase funding and funding flexibility
- Scales composting and food waste initiatives

Research and Data Collection:

- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative
- National Agricultural Statistics Service
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture

## Healthy Food Financing Initiative Reauthorization Act

S. 760 | H.R. 1509

- Reauthorizes the program
- Outlines mandatory funding levels starting at \$25M and increasing annually to reach \$50M by 2028

- Maintain the focus of Inflation Reduction Act funding for climate and conservation
- Make permanent increases to baseline funding for conservation programs
- Create permanent focus on addressing climate change in conservation programs

- This is the single most important victory for the climate and conservation possible in this Farm Bill! We'd like you to make both increased funding and a climate focus a permanent part of working lands conservation programs in this Farm Bill.
- These programs are popular and oversubscribed - only about 25% of farmers applying for CSP and EQIP receive funding support in recent years.
- IRA supports farmers choosing to mitigate climate change through voluntary adoption of practices in their operation. Many of these practices mitigate greenhouse gasses, help address water quality and wildlife habitat concerns, and can even lead to greater per acre profitability on farms. Win-win-win!
- IRA has increased funding for ALL conservation work that NRCS does, not just climate focused. It is a win for all farmers, everywhere.

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