

Farm Bill Resources



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The **Congressional Research Service (CRS)**, a division of the Library of Congress, writes summaries of legislation and regulatory programs. It is one of the best resources out there for clear, concise, and matter of fact explanations of the farm bill and all of its various components.

- CRS Farm Bill Primer: What is the Farm Bill? <http://nationalaglawcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/assets/crs/RS22131.pdf>
- For an archive of all CRS reports, organized by topic: <http://nationalaglawcenter.org/crs/>

The **Farm Bill Law Enterprise (FABLE)** unites leading food, agriculture, and environmental programs spanning seven law schools and the Food Law Student Network. FABLE's mission is to leverage and expand the expertise of our partners by learning together and conducting coordinated research on various facets of the farm bill, identifying and proposing policy changes to improve future farm bills, and building a shared platform to engage in public debate around federal food and agriculture policy. To sign up for notification of publications and creation of the web platform, email lmiller@law.harvard.edu.

The **National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC)** advocates for sustainable agriculture, healthy food systems, and rural communities. It is alliance of grassroots organizations, including several New York organizations such as Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, Just Food, & the National Young Farmers' Coalition. NSAC lobbies Congress of behalf of these groups and engages in grassroots community organizing.

- Sign up for action alerts: <http://sustainableagriculture.net/>
- Track 2018 farm bill development: <http://sustainableagriculture.net/our-work/campaigns/fbcampaign/>

AGree is a research and advocacy collaboration of food system leaders representing conventional and organic producers, ranchers, input suppliers, aggregators, retailers, environmentalists, and public health experts. Through multi-stakeholder engagement, it promotes consensus policies to increase food security and conserve natural resources.

- Report on revitalizing Community-based Food Systems: http://foodandagpolicy.org/sites/default/files/AGree_LFI_2015_0.pdf
- Other publications: <http://foodandagpolicy.org/policy/publications>

To Track Farm Bill Progress in Congress:

- Senate Agriculture Committee: <http://www.agriculture.senate.gov/issues/farm-bill>
- House Agriculture Committee: <http://agriculture.house.gov/calendar/?Timeframe=All>

The Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative (FLI) addresses the unmet legal service needs of farmers, food entrepreneurs, and food justice NGOs seeking to improve our food system.

<http://www.law.pace.edu/pace-nrdc-food-law-initiative>

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