

Mr. Secretary:

My name is David Ray and I am a wheat, milk, corn, soybean, cotton in
Cowley County. farmer

Thank you for taking time to come meet with local agriculture producers in our state about the Farm Bill.

The US is a large country that doesn't need to have insurance companies involved in the protection of crops. Local FSA staff could do the agent work and save money. Also give farmers the option of getting 50% the government subsidy to insurance companies so they could be their own risk takers and save money for the US gov.

The last farm bill was very complex for me and several other producers, however our local FSA staff were very knowledgeable and patient with helping us interpret the rules and regulations. Their continued support and dedication to agriculture cannot be surpassed. I ask that the delivery of the new Farm Bill continue to be delivered by the people I have developed a personal trust with at the FSA office.

Mr. Secretary:

My name is David Ray and I am in Cowley County.

I would like to agree with the person that stated that the Program Delivery of the Farm Bill should continue with FSA. I have worked with those people for over 30 years and find that their dedication and service for the farmers in our community outstanding. From my viewpoint as a farmer, they deliver their programs better than any other agency that I have worked with.

I would also like to comment on the inefficiency and taxpayer burden of delivering certain programs contained in the present Farm Bill. I, as a taxpayer, should not be asked to bear the cost of establishing a duplicative administrative process to deliver conservation programs, such as EQIP, CSP, and WRP, when a system is already in place at my local FSA office.

FSA has done a great job in delivering programs efficiently, especially over the last few years of drought that we've suffered, and during the unexpected disaster program signups that ensued. At previous forums, I've learn that there's not been enough technical staff in the field to deliver conservation programs. I ask that you use the expertise that's already available at the field level and don't ask us taxpayers pay to rebuild the 'wheel' that's already in place and proven to work. I think you'd agree that this would not only improve inefficiencies, it'd free up Technical staff to do what they do best.

Thank you!

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