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Thank you for taking our comments regarding the 2007 Farm Bill.

These are the areas we would like to see supported:

- 1) Support FSA loans for new farmers. As farms become larger, and demand for land increases, it is harder for new farmers to afford land. In order for new farmers to get into the business, they will need to be able to afford land.
- 2) Support the MILC program, including its production cap. Programs with production caps help to target smaller farms, thereby supporting more total farms while saving on budget costs. Programs that do not put a cap on production only lead to overproduction and to a greater program expense.
- 3) Support EQIP cost-sharing programs, to help farms of all sizes do a better job of protecting the environment.
- 4) Support cost-sharing for grazing programs. Rotational grazing is the most environmentally sound and sustainable method of farming, and it offers the best way for small farmers to compete in the industry.

Thank you again for listening to our comments,

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