



Farm Bill Forum Comments

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1. How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers and the next generation of farmers from entering production agriculture?

2. How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?

3. How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?

THE INCOME LIMITS UNDER THE EQUIP LIMITED RESOURCE FARMER PROGRAM SHOULD BE ADDRESSED. DAIRY FARMERS COULD BENEFIT MOST FROM THIS PROGRAM WITH ASSISTANCE WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS. HOWEVER, THE GROSS INCOME LIMIT OF \$113,600 ELIMINATES ALL BUT THE VERY SMALL DAIRY PRODUCER.

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4. How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?

5. How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?

6. How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

Comment online at the USDA Farm Bill Forums Web site: www.usda.gov/farmbill, mail comments to: Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, Farm Bill, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3355, or leave your comments in the comment box located at the USDA Help Desk.

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