

FARMER ACT Statements of Support

Senate Agriculture Committee Ranking Member John Boozman (R-Ark.):

“Farmers must have the risk management tools they need to plan for the future. The Farmer Act would make critical improvements to the farm safety net and deliver support to producers across the country who rely on these programs. I appreciate Senator Hoeven for continuing to lead on this issue as we work to provide certainty to America’s farm families.”

U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.):

“I want to thank Senator Hoeven for his leadership on the FARMER Act and for his continued support for America’s farmers. As a senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I was proud to cosponsor this legislation to protect crop insurance and make it more affordable. Farm families, especially those in Kentucky, deserve our support. I remain committed to ensuring our farmers have stability amidst high input costs and a volatile market.”

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa):

“Crop insurance is an essential tool our hardworking farmers rely on to protect their livelihoods as they work to feed and fuel our world. It’s become painfully clear in recent years that existing coverage levels leave significant gaps, denying our farmers the access to affordable risk management options they need. The FARMER Act will ensure folks are better equipped to be resilient in the face of the unpredictability and challenges each growing season brings.”

U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.):

“Stubbornly high input costs and an outdated farm safety net make it critical that we act decisively to support American agriculture. This legislation would help our farmers stay competitive in a challenging economic climate by delivering meaningful improvements to crop insurance. The FARMER Act offers commonsense reforms that prioritize our farmers, and I’m committed to helping Senator Hoeven move this measure forward.”

U.S. Senator Roger Marshall (R-Kans.):

“The FARMER Act is a major step toward ensuring the farm safety net stays intact and up to date for those who work tirelessly to provide us with food and fuel. I hear repeatedly from farmers in Kansas that crop insurance is the top priority in the Farm Bill because it provides a critically needed rapid response when disaster strikes. Investing in crop insurance means protecting rural economies and securing our nation’s food supply.”

U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa):

“A strong crop insurance program is vital to the success of America’s farming operations. Yet, when disaster strikes, many farmers find themselves without adequate coverage. By ensuring farmers have access to the coverage they need, our bill will provide certainty and help alleviate the need for costly, future ad-hoc assistance.”

U.S. Senator Deb Fischer (R-Neb.):

“For decades, Nebraska’s ag producers have helped feed our nation and the world. As Congress works to pass a Farm Bill, protecting and improving crop insurance for our farmers is one of my top priorities. I am proud to support this legislation to improve the farm safety net, and I look forward to working with Senator Hoeven and our colleagues to get this bill signed into law.”

U.S. Jerry Moran (R-Kans.):

“In Kansas, natural disasters, drought and poor weather conditions can be devastating to farmers and producers. This commonsense legislation will make crop insurance more affordable to Kansas farm families, providing increased security and reducing the need for ad-hoc disaster assistance in the future.”

American Farm Bureau Federation:

“Crop Insurance is key to a functional farm safety net and farmers have consistently advocated for more comprehensive solutions to risk management. The FARMER Act is a direct result of that advocacy and we commend Senator Hoeven for remaining steadfast in his dedication to seeing this included in the next Farm Bill.” -- President Duvall

American Sugarbeet Growers Association:

“Crop insurance is an essential safety net for farmers across the country. We’ve continued to make strides in the effectiveness of sugarbeet policies in recent years. We are grateful for the work that Senator Hoeven has done to further improve this valuable tool for growers. He is a steadfast champion of agriculture and we thank him for his ongoing support.” – Neil Rockstad, ASGA president and farmer from Ada, MN

American Soybean Association:

“The American Soybean Association applauds Senator Hoeven’s introduction of the FARMER Act, which takes meaningful steps to improve risk management tools for U.S. soy farmers. By enhancing the affordability and accessibility of crop insurance, this bill will better protect farmers from unpredictable losses while our rural economy faces historic financial challenges. ASA is proud to support this legislation and looks forward to continued work with Senator Hoeven and his colleagues on farm safety net issues.” – ASA President and Kentucky soybean farmer Caleb Ragland

Midwest Council on Agriculture:

“Improving crop insurance affordability is top of mind for many farmers across the Midwest. We are proud to support the FARMER Act and look forward to working with Senator Hoeven to strengthen and improve crop insurance in the next Farm Bill.” – Collin Peterson, founder of the Midwest Council on Agriculture and former chairman of the House Agriculture Committee

National Association of Wheat Growers:

“Crop insurance is a critical public-private risk management tool for wheat growers, and Senator Hoeven's bill works to enhance crop insurance by making the higher coverage levels more affordable to farmers. Throughout the farm bill reauthorization process, NAWG has stressed that we must not only protect crop insurance, but also strengthen this key pillar of the farm safety net, and the FARMER Act does just that,” said Pat Clements, NAWG President and Kentucky wheat farmer.

National Corn Growers Association:

“Increasing the affordability of crop insurance is a key farm bill priority for corn growers, and the FARMER Act would make higher levels of coverage more affordable,” said National Corn Growers Association President Kenneth Hartman Jr. “Sen. Hoeven continues to lead efforts to ensure that these risk management tools will be improved to meet the challenges producers face today.”

National Sunflower Association:

“Crop insurance is the cornerstone of the farm safety net. The enhanced premium support proposed in the FARMER Act will improve the crop insurance program and will be an effective option for farmers in their risk management plans by providing more affordability with better coverage.” – Tom Kirkmeyer, Chairman, National Sunflower Association

U.S. Canola Association:

“Crop insurance is vital for canola growers, as it is for many farmers. The FARMER Act introduced by Sen. Hoeven, which makes higher levels of crop insurance more affordable for farmers, is greatly appreciated by canola growers in North Dakota and all canola growing regions. Investing in greater crop insurance coverage is a cost-effective way to improve the farm safety net. This proposed legislation enhances options for farmers in need of protection from the many risks - including weather, pests and diseases – that they face every year.” – Tim Mickelson, President, U.S. Canola Association

U.S. Beet Sugar Association:

“We applaud Senator Hoeven for his efforts to strengthen Federal Crop Insurance for American farm and ranch families. Farm and ranch families throughout the country, including our nation's sugar farmers, are grateful to have a strong champion in Senator Hoeven as Congress continues to consider the next Farm Bill.” – Cassie Bladow, President & CEO, U.S. Beet Sugar Association

USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council:

“The USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council strongly supports the FARMER Act introduced by Sen. Hoeven. Crop insurance is a vital tool for pulse farmers and essential to managing the many risks they face from weather, pests, and disease. We greatly appreciate Sen. Hoeven's work to improve crop insurance for farmers and urge Congress to enact these cost-effective improvements.” – Tim McGreevy, CEO, USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council