

## **FARMER ACT Statements of Support**

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

“I commend Senator Hoeven’s leadership in introducing the FARMER Act and proactively addressing the needs of farmers and ranchers who have asked for improvements to the federal crop insurance program. The FARMER Act includes critical components to modernizing the farm safety net for producers across all regions and all commodities. Coupled with improvements to the Title One safety net, Senator Hoeven’s approach of expanding the coverage level and increasing the affordability of crop insurance for both area based and individual coverage options, would result in meaningful improvements to the risk management tools available to producers.”

### **U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)**

“A strong crop insurance program is integral to the success of America’s farming operations. Yet, when disaster strikes, many farmers find themselves without adequate coverage. Our bill will allow existing farm safety nets to function as intended, ensuring farmers have access to the coverage they need, while alleviating the need for costly, future ad-hoc assistance.”

### **U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa)**

“Time and time again, it’s become painfully obvious that our farmers need improved access to high coverage crop insurance plans that adequately cover all the challenges in a growing season. To protect our ag community, I’m fighting to improve federal crop insurance and ensure that dollars in the Farm Bill actually go towards safeguarding our food and fields, not pie-in-the-sky climate change policies.”

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

“Spending almost 80 percent of Farm Bill dollars on nonfarm-related programs is unacceptable, especially considering the enormous pressures under which our farmers operate. There is room to strengthen the farm safety net—both crop insurance and Title I commodity programs. I’m proud to stand with Senator Hoeven and my Republican colleagues in introducing the FARMER Act.”

### **American Farm Bureau Federation**

“We appreciate Senator Hoeven’s leadership in expanding the affordability of crop insurance options for America’s farmers. The FARMER Act will make higher coverage more affordable and decrease the need for future ad-hoc disaster assistance.”  
– Zippy Duval, President, American Farm Bureau Federation

### **American Soybean Association**

“ASA appreciates Senator Hoeven’s efforts to improve affordability and accessibility of crop insurance, a critically important risk management tool. We look forward to working with Senator Hoeven and his colleagues both to enhance crop insurance and to strengthen the farm safety net in the next farm bill.” – Josh Gackle, ASA president and soybean farmer from North Dakota

### **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

### **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. As we continue into 2024, it is important that lawmakers not only consider a farm bill that protects crop insurance but works to strengthen the farm safety net." – Keeff Felty, NAWG President and Oklahoma wheat farmer

### **National Corn Growers Association**

“Increasing the affordability of crop insurance is a top priority for our farmers. We applaud Sen. Hoeven for his efforts to ensure that these risk management tools continue to be improved and meet the challenges producers face today.” – Kenneth Hartman, Jr., National Corn Growers Association First Vice President

### **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, President, National Sunflower 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

### **U.S. Canola Association**

“Crop insurance is vital for canola growers, as it is for many farmers. The FARMER Act introduced by Sen. John Hoeven, which makes higher levels of crop insurance more affordable for farmers, is greatly appreciated by canola growers. 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.”  
– Andrew Moore, President, U.S. Canola Association