

June 11, 2013

{Sent to each member of the House individually}

Dear :

The undersigned organizations applaud the House Committee on Agriculture for expeditiously moving forward on a five year farm bill.

The *Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management (FARRM) Act of 2013* (H.R. 1947) achieves spending cuts that reduce the Federal budget deficit, saving taxpayers \$40 billion, including \$6 billion through sequestration. It also repeals or consolidates more than 100 programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including Direct Payments to crop producers. Without passage of FARRM, no budget savings will be achieved beyond sequestration.

The farm bill promotes an economically healthy U.S. agriculture sector. Its policies serve a variety of purposes including: meeting the food, fuel and fiber needs of consumers worldwide; providing a farm and natural resource safety net; improving our balance of trade through trade promotion programs; promoting rural development; and creating needed jobs here at home.

We stand united in our strong support for a new five-year bill and commend the House Committee on Agriculture for advancing a bill for timely action by the full House. Failure to pass a five-year farm bill before the end of September would mean continued uncertainty for farmers, ranchers and their rural communities; it would also mean that American taxpayer would see none of the budget savings achieved.

We look forward to working with you towards our common goal of passing a five year farm bill.

Sincerely,

AgCountry Farm Credit Services
AgFirst Farm Credit Bank
AgPreference
Ag Processing, Inc.
AgriBank
Agribusiness Council of Indiana
Agricultural Council of California
AgStar Financial Services
AgTEXAS Farm Credit
Alabama Farmers Cooperative, Inc.

Amcot
American AgCredit
American Association of Crop Insurers
American Bankers Association
American Beekeeping Federation
American Crystal Sugar Company
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Farmland Trust
American Feed Industry Association
American Frozen Food Institute
American Fruit and Vegetable Processors and Growers Coalition
American Meat Institute
American Seed Trade Association
American Sheep Industry Association
American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
American Sugar Cane League
American Sugarbeet Growers Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
Apricot Producers of California
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Badgerland Financial, ACA
Biotechnology Industry Organization
Blue Diamond Growers
Calcot Ltd.
California Association of Winegrape Growers
California Canning Peach Association
California Date Commission
California Fig Advisory Board
California Strawberry Commission
California Walnut Commission
Canned Food Alliance
Carolinas Cotton Growers Cooperative
Ceres Solutions LLP
CHS Inc.
Co-Alliance LLP
CoBank
Cooperative Network
Colorado Corn Growers Association
Colorado Sorghum Producers
Corn Producers Association of Texas
Cotton Growers Warehouse Association

Cotton Warehouse Association of America
CountryMark
Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau
Crop Insurance Professionals Association
CropLife America
Dairy Farmers of America
Dairy Producers of New Mexico
Dairy Producers of Utah
Dairylea Cooperative Inc.
Ducks Unlimited
Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association
Farm Credit Bank of Texas
Farm Credit Council
Farm Credit East
Farm Credit of East Central Oklahoma
Farm Credit of Maine
Farm Credit of Ness City
Farm Credit of New Mexico
Farm Credit of Southern Colorado
Farm Credit West
Farm Credit Western Arkansas
Farm Credit Services of America
Farm Credit Services of Illinois
Farmer Mac
FCS Financial
Florida Crystals Corporation
Florida Sugar Cane League
Fruit Growers Supply Company
GreenStone Farm Credit Services
GROWMARK, Inc.
Hawaii Sugar Farmers
Idaho Dairywomen's Association
Independent Community Bankers of America
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America
Irrigation Association
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association
Kansas Cooperative Council
Kansas Grain & Feed Association
Land Improvement Contractors of America
Land O' Lakes, Inc.
Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc.
MBG Marketing
Michigan Agri-Business Council

Michigan Bean Shippers
Michigan Milk Producers Association
Michigan Processing Apple Growers
Milk Producers Council of California
National Association of Conservation Districts
National Association of RC&D Councils
National Association of State Conservation Agencies
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Chicken Council
National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research
National Conservation District Employees Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Farmers Union
National Grape Cooperative Association Inc.
National Milk Producers Federation
National Pork Producers Council
National Renderers Association
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
National Sorghum Producers
National Sunflower Association
National Turkey Federation
National Wild Turkey Federation
Nebraska Cooperative Council
Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board
Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers Association
New Mexico Sorghum Association
New Mexico Peanut Growers Association
North American Blueberry Council
Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship
Northwest Dairy Association/Darigold, Inc.
Northwest Farm Credit Services
NORPAC Foods, Inc.
Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.
Oklahoma Agribusiness Retailers Association
Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperative Council
Oklahoma Grain & Feed Association
Oklahoma Peanut Commission
Oklahoma Seed Trade Association

Oklahoma Sorghum Association
Oklahoma Wheat Growers Association
Olive Growers Council of California
Oregon Association of Nurseries
Pacific Coast Producers
Panhandle Peanut Growers Association
Partners for Sustainable Pollination
Pheasants Forever
Plains Cotton Cooperative Association
Pollinator Partnership
Public Lands Council
Quail Forever
Riceland Foods, Inc.
Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers
Select Milk Producers, Inc.
South Dakota Association of Cooperatives
South Dakota Wheat Growers
South East Dairy Farmers Association
Southern Cotton Growers
Southern Peanut Farmers Federation
Southern States Cooperative, Inc.
Southwest Council of Agribusiness
Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance
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State Agriculture and Rural Leaders
Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida
Sunkist Growers, Inc.
Sun-Maid Growers of California
Sunsweet Growers, Inc.
Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council
Texas Cattle Feeders Association
Texas Grain Sorghum Association
Texas Wheat Producers Association
The Fertilizer Institute
The Nature Conservancy
United Dairymen of Arizona
United FCS
United Producers, Inc.
US Canola Association
US Cattlemen's Association
US Dry Bean Council
US Rice Producers Association

U.S. Beet Sugar Association
U.S. Sugar Corporation
USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council
USA Rice Federation
Valley Fig Growers
Washington State Council of Farmer Cooperatives
Washington State Dairy Federation
Welch Foods Inc., A Cooperative
West Central Cooperative
Western AgCredit
Western Peanut Growers Association
Yankee Farm Credit
Yosemite Farm Credit