2023 Farm Bill Issues Impacting Food and Agriculture

Stephanie Carlson Deputy Legislative Director and Policy Advisor for U.S. Senator Joni Ernst "Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the corn field."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Farm Bill History

Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933 Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 Food Security Act of 1985 Food, Agriculture, Conservation, Agricultural Act of 1948 and Trade Act of 1990 Agricultural Act of 1949 **Federal Agricultural Improvement** Agricultural Act of 1954 and Reform Act of 1996 Agricultural Act of 1956 Farm Security and Rural Investment Food and Agriculture Act of 1965 Act of 2002 Agricultural Act of 1970 Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 **Agriculture and Consumer** Protection Agricultural Act of 2014 Act of 1973 Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 Food and Agriculture Act of 1977

Since The Last Farm Bill...

Catastrophic Natural Disasters & Record Flooding Congress Passes Ad Hoc Disaster Assistance, Crop Inventories Decline On Record Prevent Plant

Trade Weaponized With China Market Facilitation Program For Farmers, Phase 1 Agreement Boosts U.S. Exports



COVID-19 Pandemic Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, Supply Chains Worsen Driving Inflation

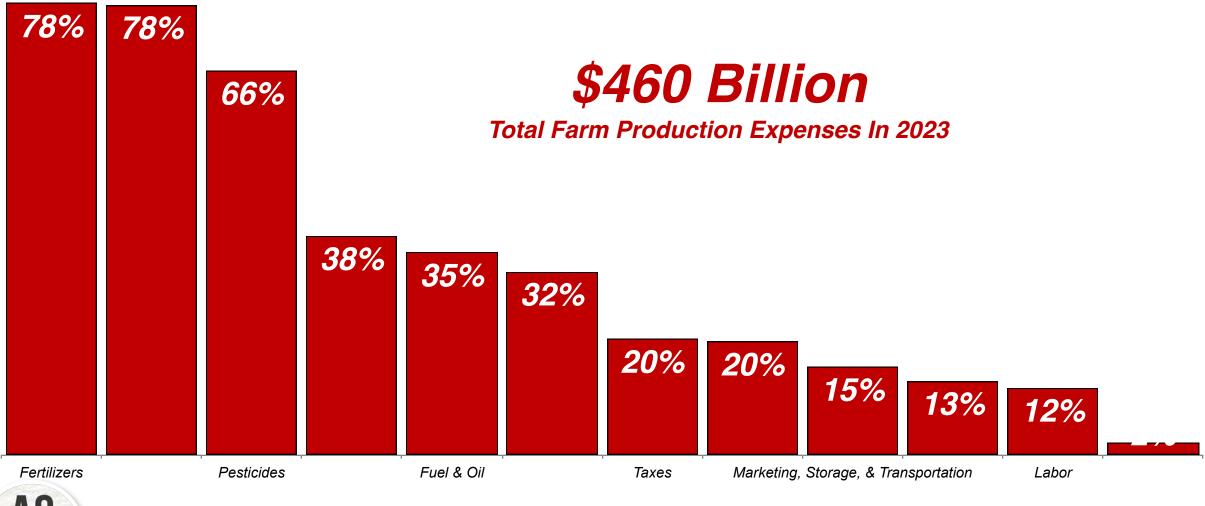
Russia Invades Ukraine Inflation In Energy and Other Farm inputs, Record-High Global Food Prices, BSGI Ends (What's Next?) 5 Historic Inflation (CPI) Food Prices Soar, Federal Reserve Hikes Rates, Bank Failures

Current Economic Outlook

- 2023 Most Expensive Crop Ever
- Input costs are slow to decline
- Commodity prices are falling
- U.S. farm income declining
- U.S. farm sector debt record high
- Farm interest rates rise at fastest pace in 40 years

2023 Was The Most Expensive Crop Ever

Percentage Change In Production Expenses 2020 to 2023F



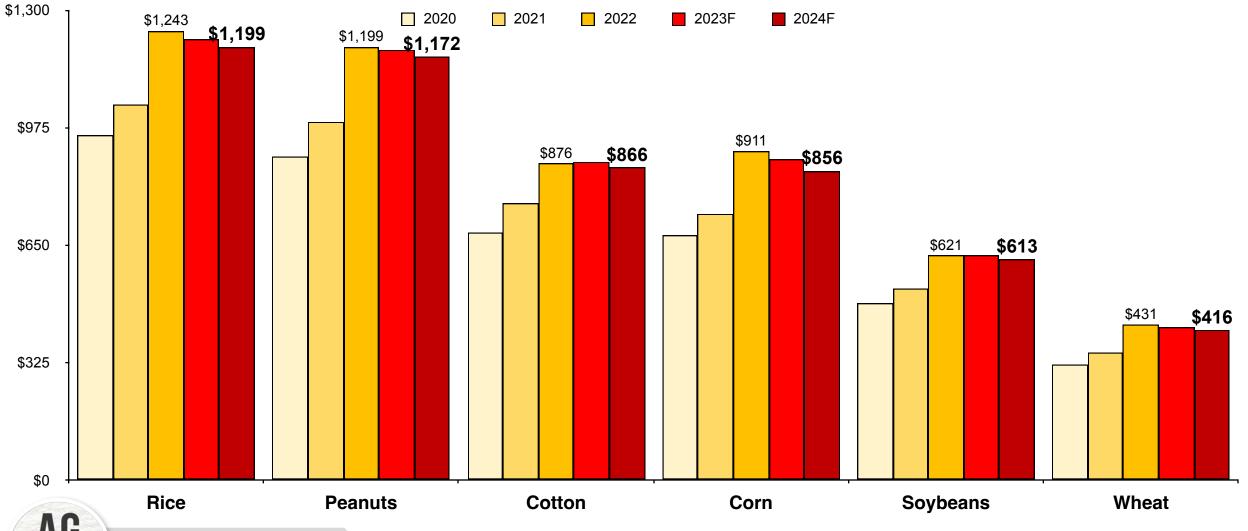


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Senate Ag GOP Analysis, USDA Economic Research Service Special Tabulation

Input Costs Are Slow To Decline

Total Costs Per Acre, U.S. Average, 2020 to 2024F, Dollars Per Acre



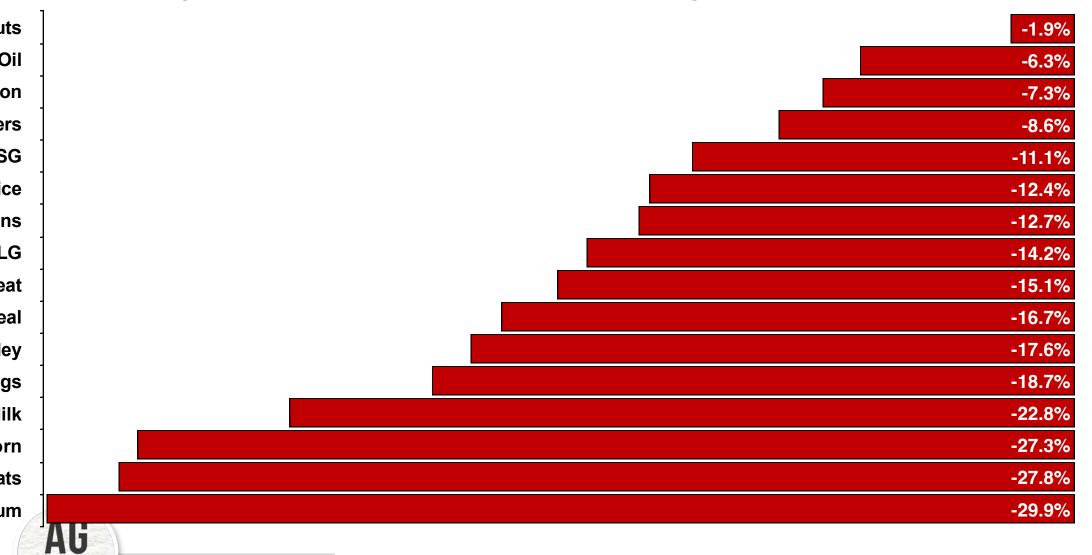


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Senate Ag GOP Analysis, USDA Economic Research Service Commodity Cost and Returns

Commodity Prices Are Falling

Percent Change In Price From 2022/23 to 2023/24 Marketing Year



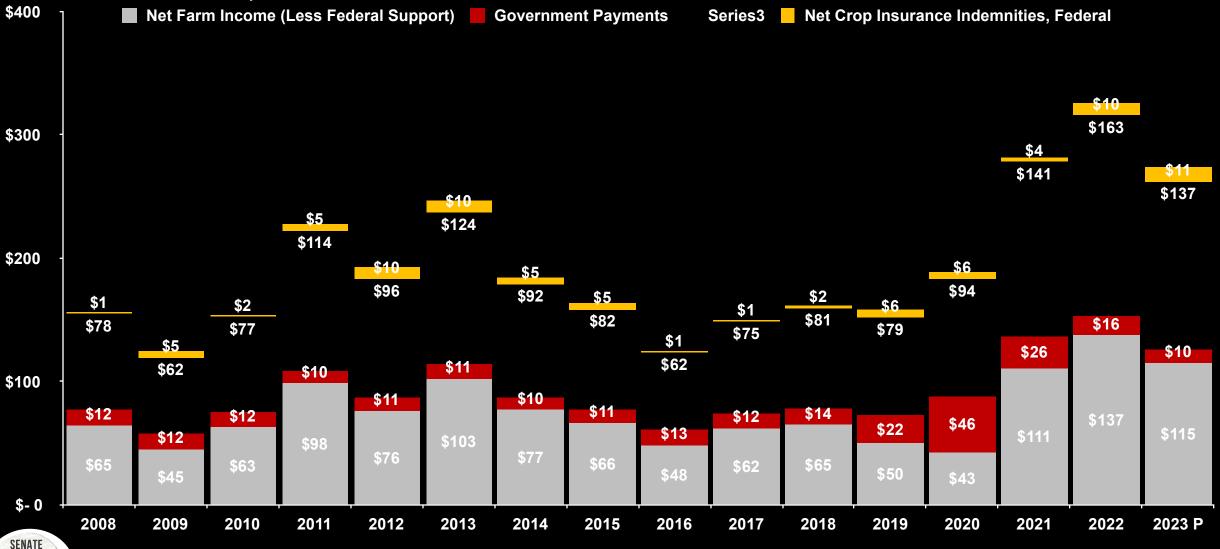
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Senate Ag GOP Analysis, WASDE

U.S. Farm Income Seen Declining 16% In 2023

U.S. Net Farm Income, Billion Dollars



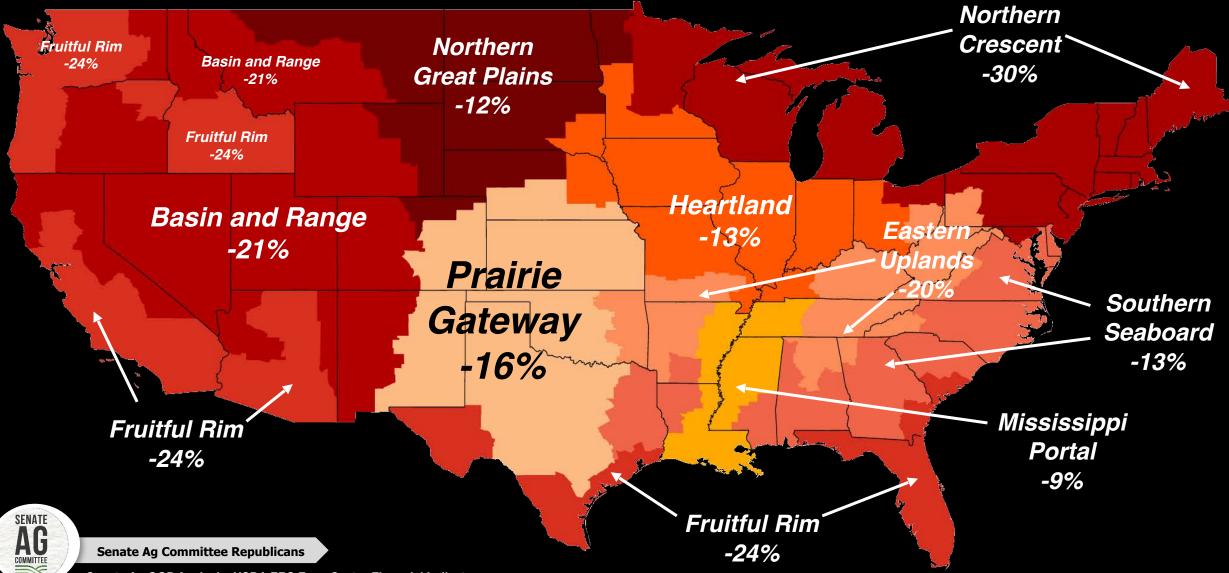


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Lower Farm Incomes Seen Nationwide

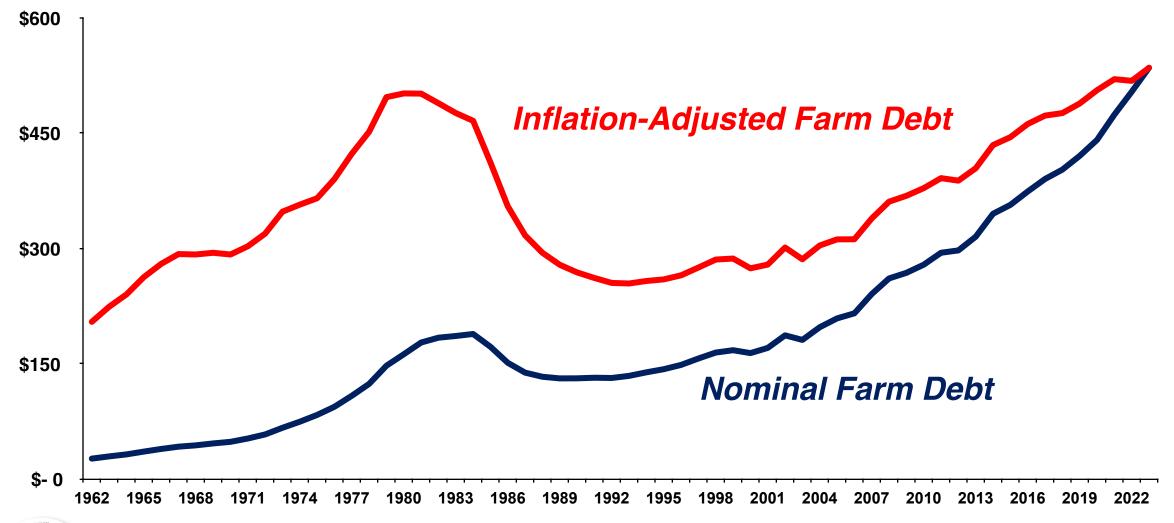
Percent Change From 2022 to 2023 By Resource Region



Senate Ag GOP Analysis, USDA ERS Farm Sector Financial Indicators

U.S. Farm Sector Debt Is Record High

Real and Nominal Total Farm Debt, Billion Dollars

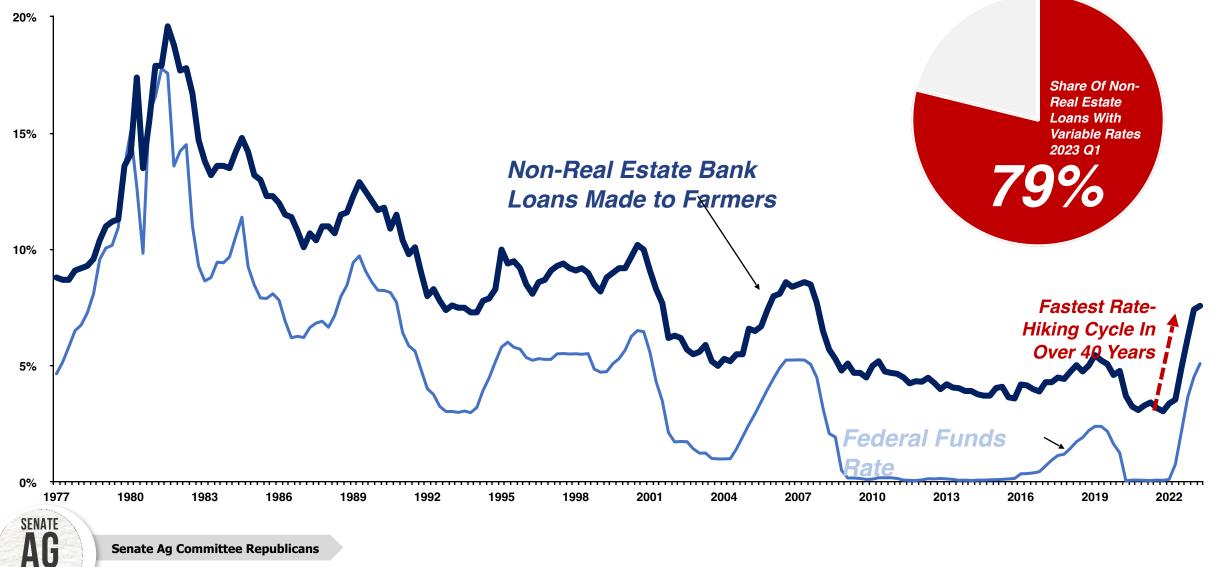




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Farm Interest Rates Rise At Fastest Pace In 40

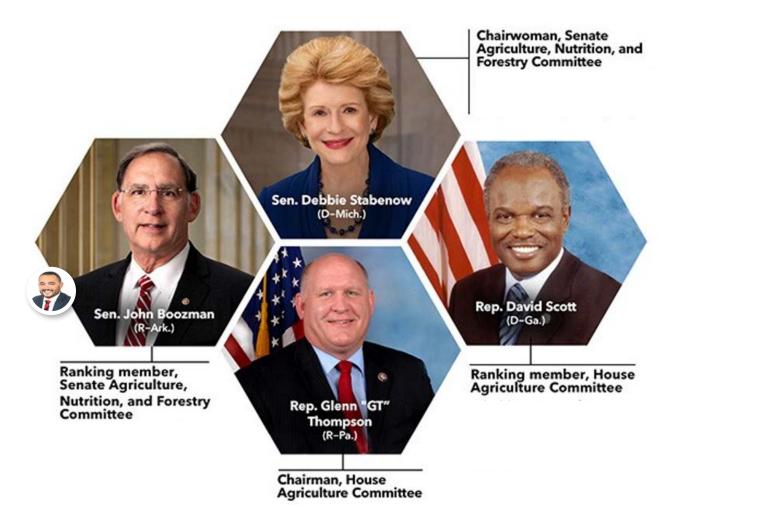
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Senate Ag GOP Analysis, FRED, Survey of Terms of Lending to Farmers and Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

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The Farm Bill Players

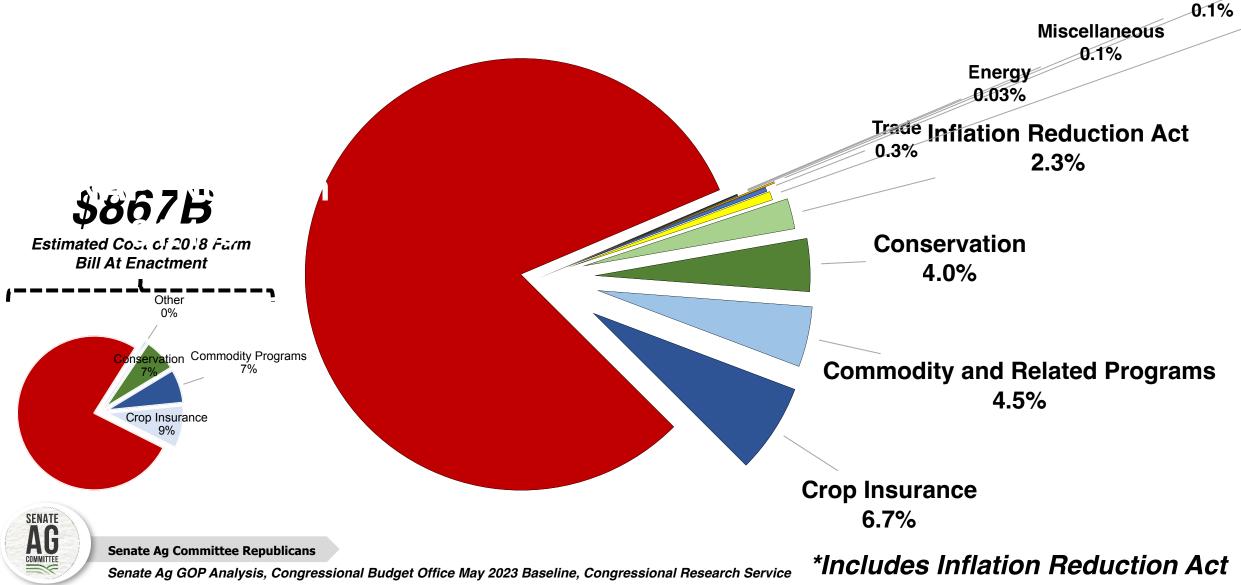




Chair, House Ag Task Force On Agriculture and Nutrition

The First Trillion Dollar Farm Bill*

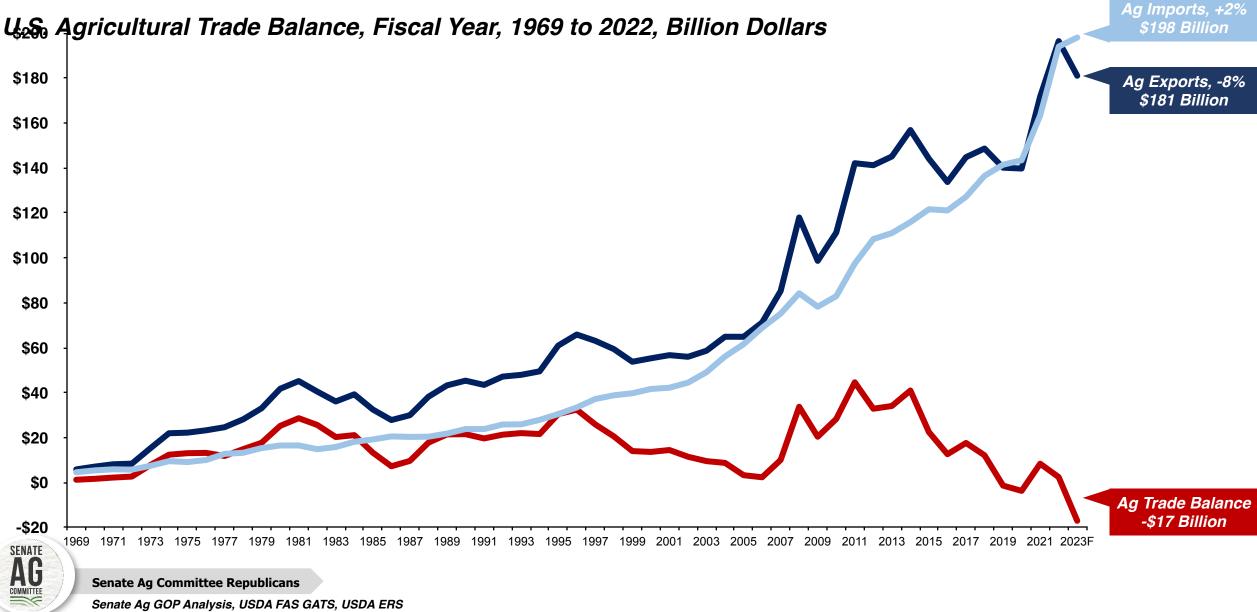
Billion Dollars, Fiscal Year 2024 to 2033, Total Spending \$1.51 Trillion



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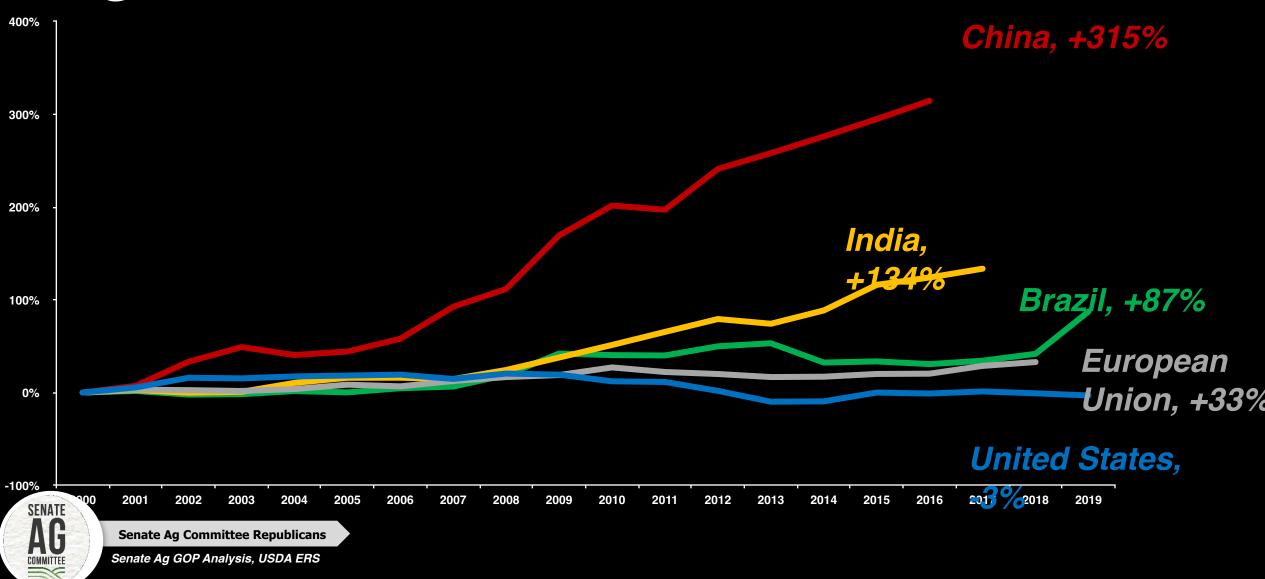
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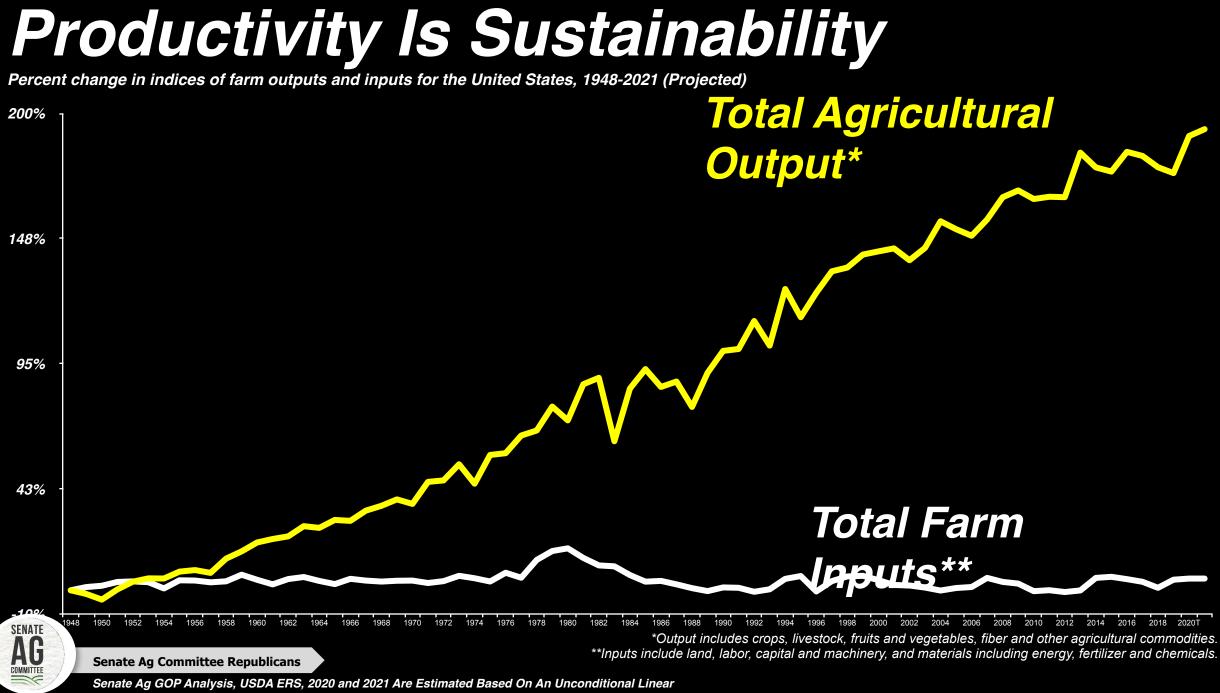
We Need To Find & Develop New Foreign Markets



U.S. Public Sector Agriculture R&D Is

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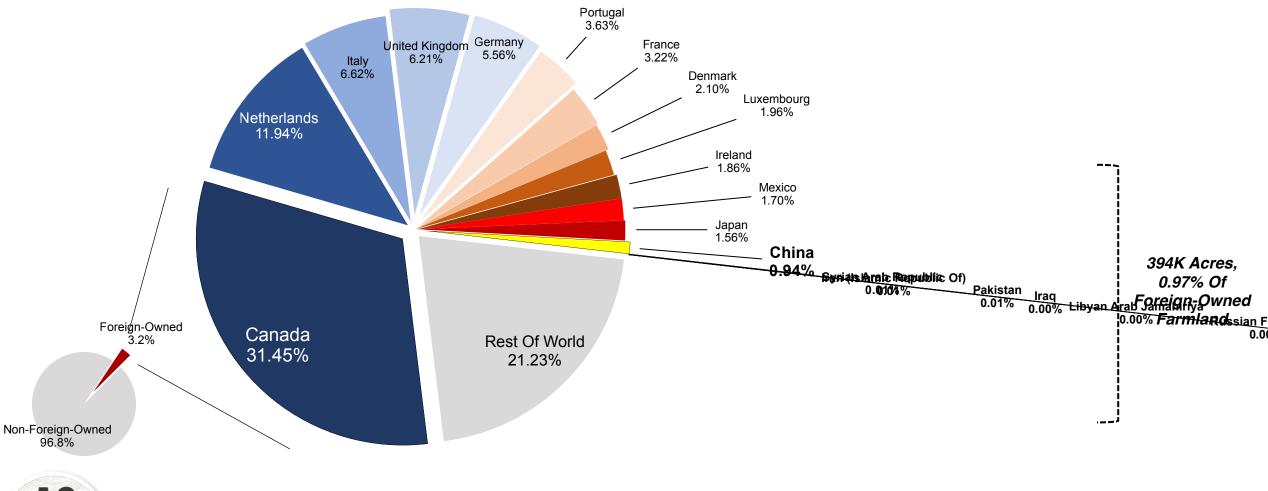




Trend

Who Owns U.S. Farmland?

Total Acres (1,000) & Share Of Private Agricultural Land Held by Foreign Investors, Foreign Entities, or U.S. Corporations With Foreign Shareholders, By Country, Dec. 2021*



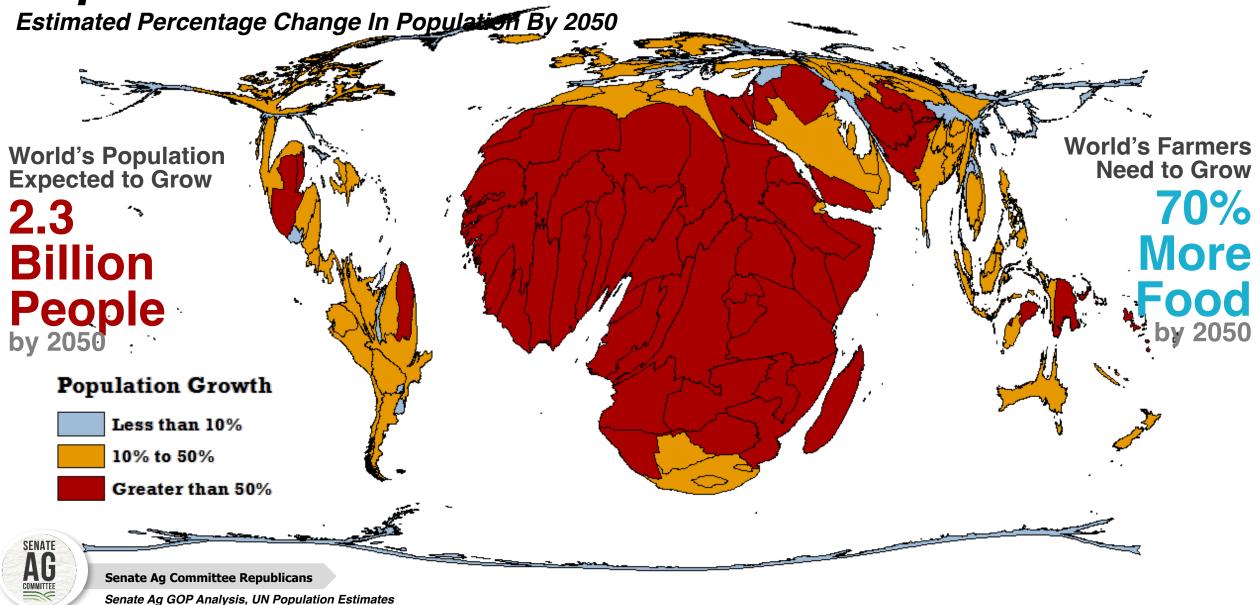


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*Includes cropland, pastureland, forestland, and other agricultural land.

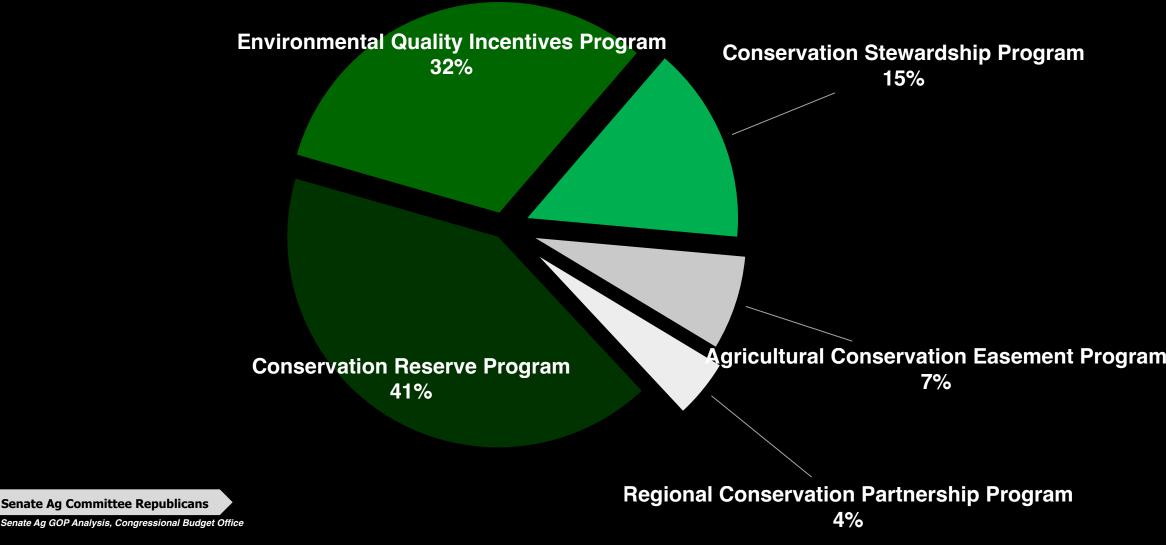
Why Irade & Agricultural Research Are Important



Government-wide Approach To Climate

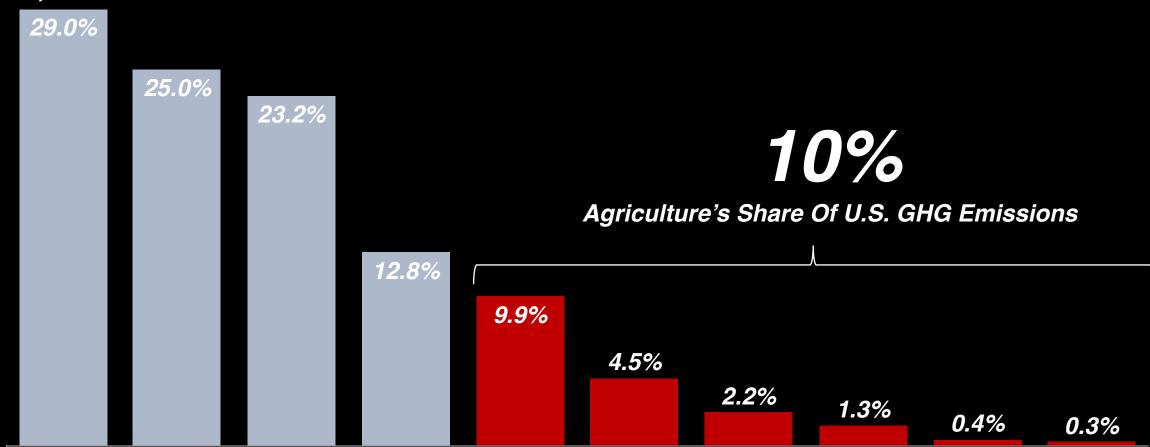
Projected Conservation Program Outlays, CBO May 2022 Baseline, 2023 to 2031, Million Dollars

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U.S. Agriculture's Small Climate Footprint

Percent Of Total GHG Emissions By Economic Sector in 2021 (Agricultural Categories Based on IPCC Totals)



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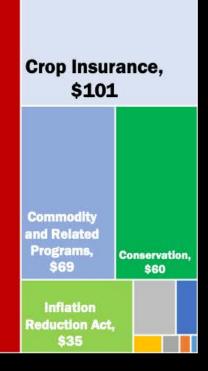


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The Elephant In The Farm Bill

Projected Farm Bill Program Spending, 2024 to 2033, Billion Dollars

(SNAP), Nutrition, \$1,223





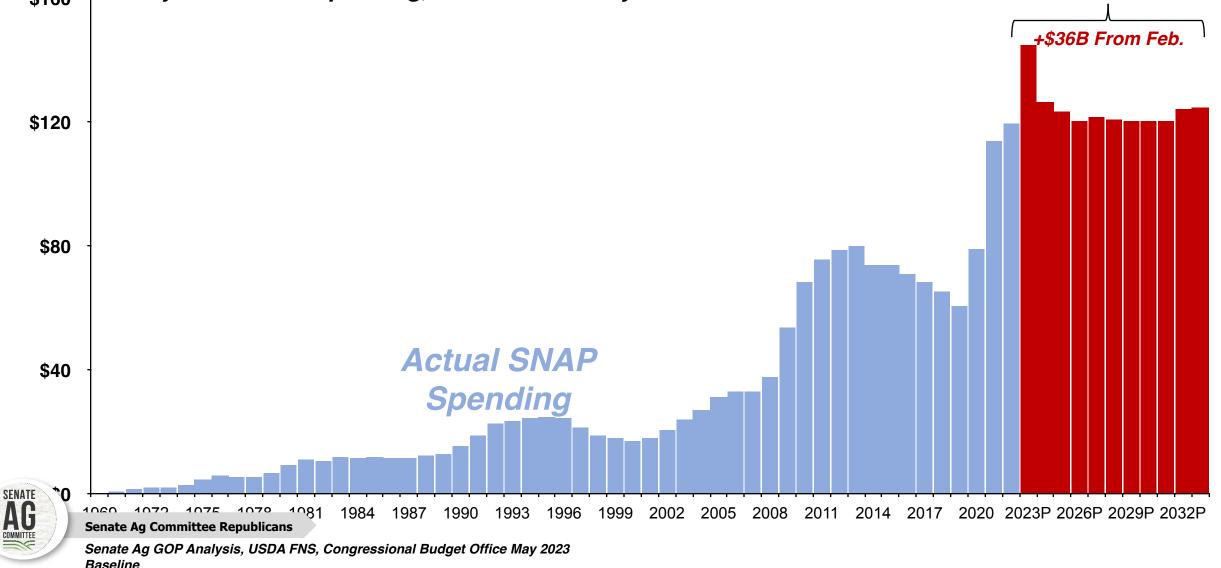
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19%

SNAP Has Grown 84% Since 2018 Farm Bill \$1.37 Trillion

Actual and Projected SNAP Spending, Billion Dollars By Fiscal Year



CBO Projection

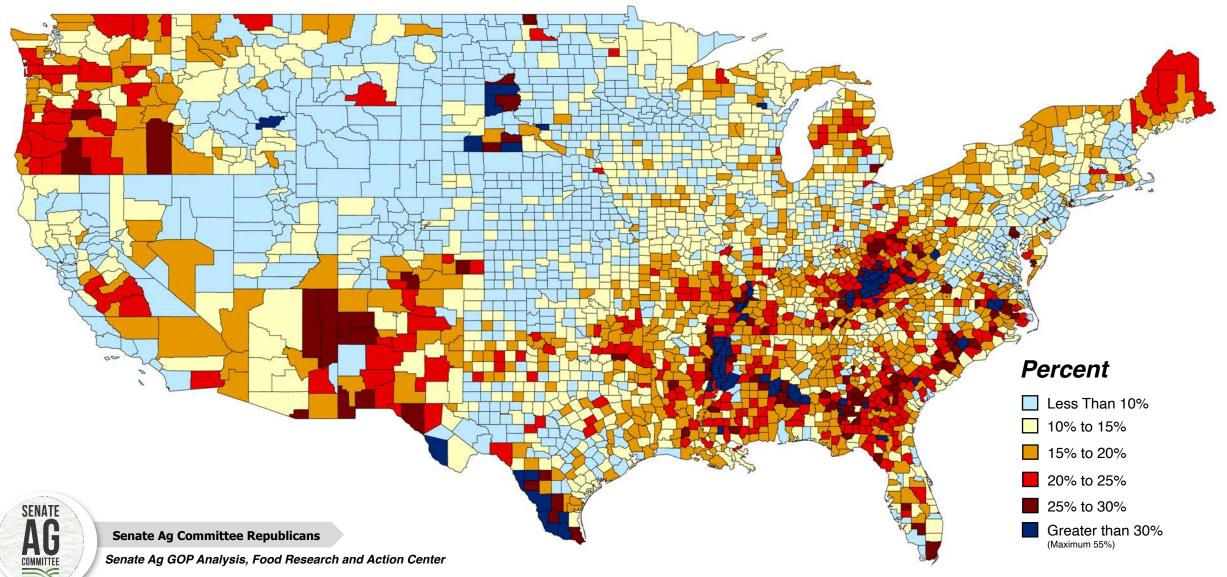
SNAP (Infilly FOOd Plan) Ullpaced Inflation Cumulative Percentage Change Since 2014 Farm Bill, Actual and CBO Projections +112%, SNAP Benefits Per Person 88% Thrifty Food Plan +64%, Food-At-Home Inflation 55% **COVID Emergency Allotments CPI-Food-At-Home** 23% -10% 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 SENATE

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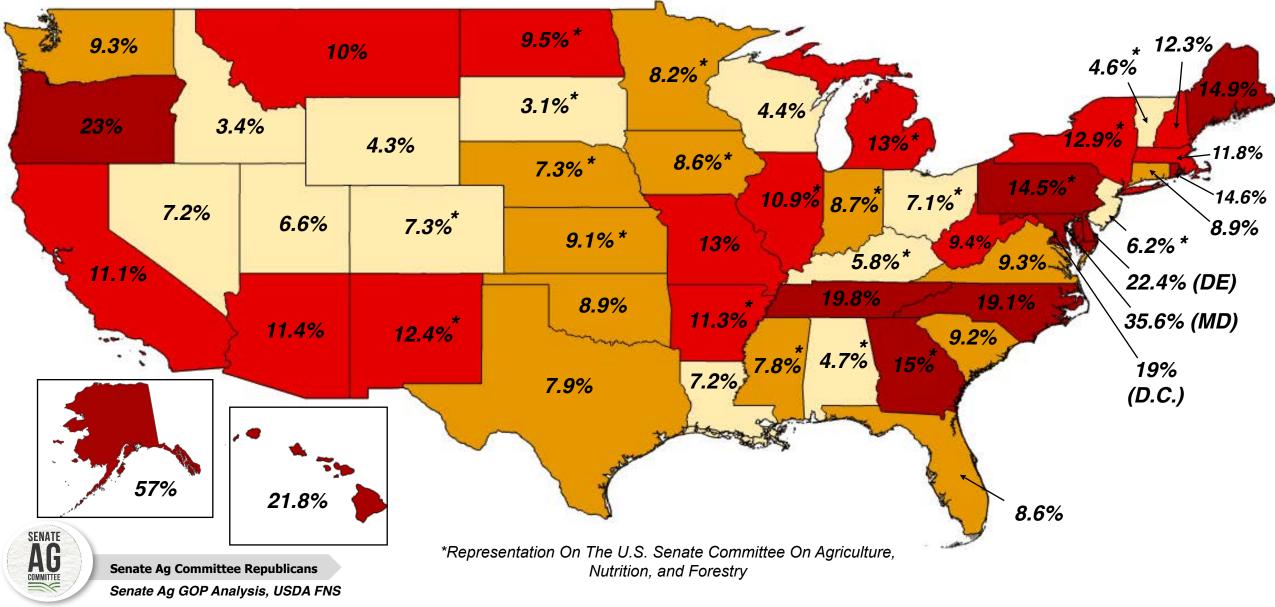
County-Level SNAP Participation Rate

Percent Of Population Receiving SNAP Benefits (2012 to 2016)

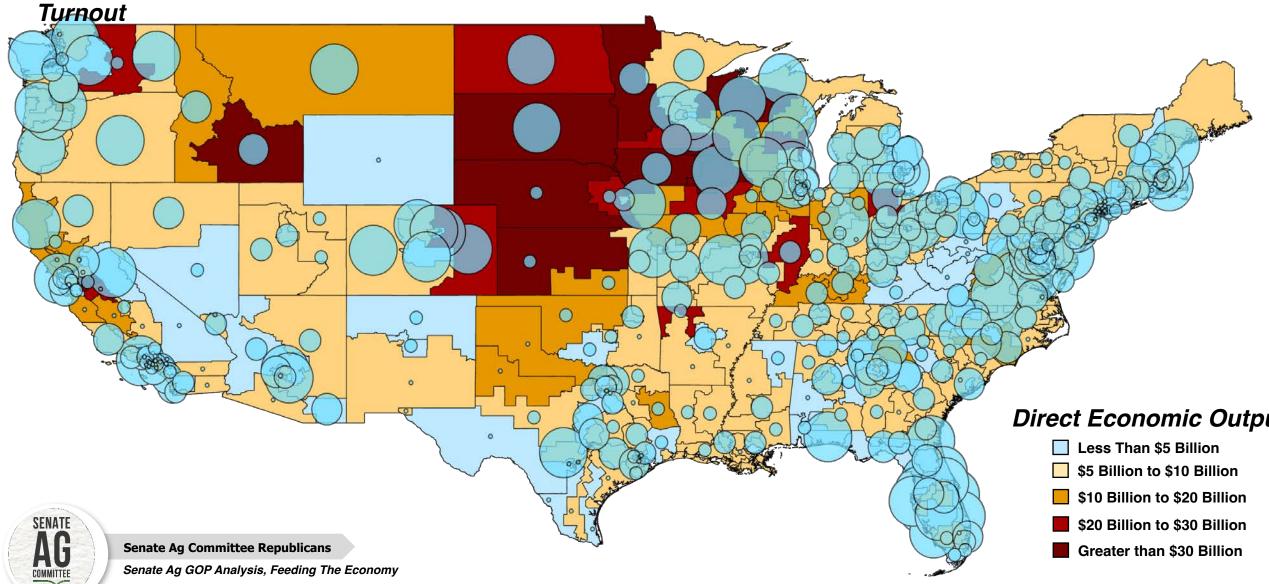


11.54 % SNAP Payment Error Rate

Combined Percentage Of SNAP Overpayments and Underpayments, FY2022

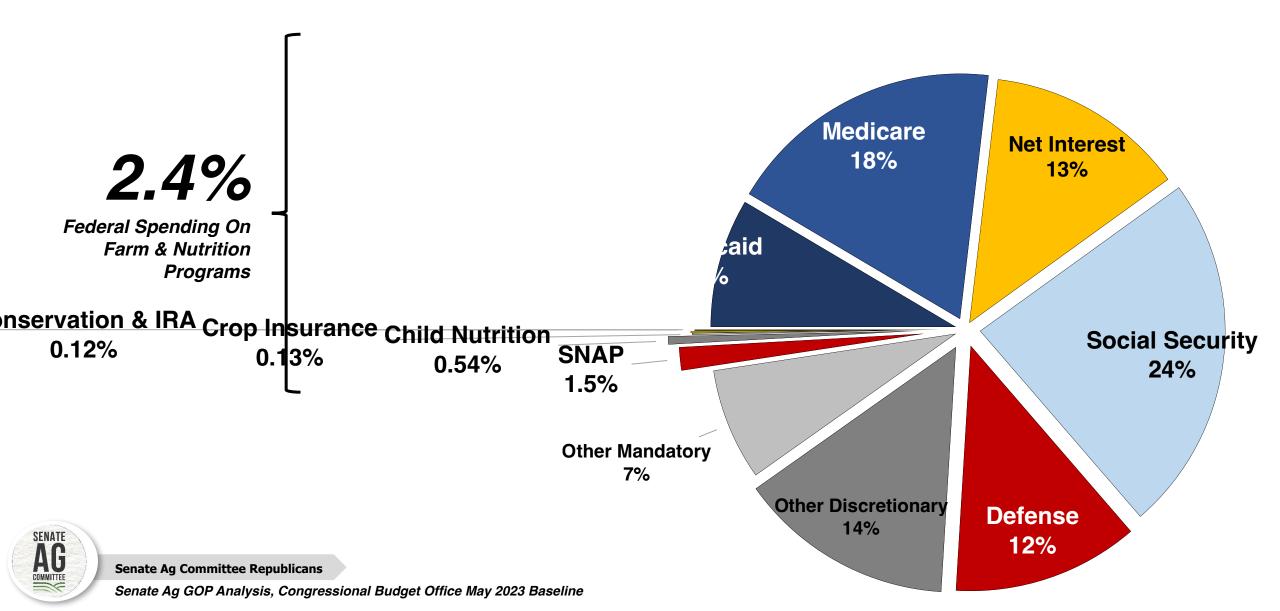


Farm Bill, Nutrition, & The Great Compromise Direct Agricultural Economic Output By Congressional District, 2021, Billion Dollars, & 2018 Election



Food Security Is National Security

Billion Dollars, Fiscal Year 2024 to 2033, Total Mandatory and Discretionary Spending Of \$80.1 Trillion



The Farm Bill by Title

Title I, Commodities. Provides farm payments when crop prices or revenues decline for major commodity crops, including wheat, corn, soybeans, peanuts, and rice. Includes disaster programs to help livestock and tree fruit producers manage production losses due to natural disasters. Other support includes margin insurance for dairy, marketing quotas, minimum price guarantees, and import quotas for sugar.

Title II, Conservation. Encourages environmental stewardship of farmlands and improved management practices through various working lands programs, as well as changes in land use through land retirement and easement programs.

Title III, Trade. Supports U.S. agricultural export programs and export credit guarantee programs, as well as international food aid programs that provide emergency and nonemergency foreign food aid. Other provisions address issues related to World Trade Organization (WTO) obligations.

Title IV, Nutrition. Provides nutrition assistance for low-income households through programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) and emergency food assistance programs. Also supports food distribution in schools.

The Farm Bill by Title

Title V, Credit. Offers direct government loans to farmers/ranchers and guarantees on private lenders' loans. Sets eligibility rules and policies.

Title VI, Rural Development. Supports rural business and community development programs. Establishes planning, feasibility assessments, and coordination with other local, state, and federal programs. Programs include grants and loans for infrastructure, economic development, broadband, and telecommunications.

Title VII, Research, Extension, and Related Matters. Offers a wide range of agricultural research and extension programs that expand academic knowledge about agriculture and food and help farmers and ranchers become more efficient, innovative, and productive.

Title VIII, Forestry. Supports forestry management programs run by USDA's Forest Service.

The Farm Bill by Title

Title IX, Energy. Encourages the development of farm and community renewable energy systems through grants, loan guarantees, and feedstock procurement initiatives. Also facilitates the production, marketing, and processing of advanced biofuels and biofuel feedstocks, as well as research, education, and demonstration programs.

Title X, Horticulture. Supports specialty crops—fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, and floriculture and ornamental products—through initiatives, including market promotion, plant pest and disease prevention, and research. Also provides support to certified organic agricultural production and locally produced foods.

Title XI, Crop Insurance. Amends the permanently authorized federal crop insurance program.

Title XII, Miscellaneous. Covers other types of programs, including livestock and poultry production and limited-resource and socially disadvantaged farmers.

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst's Priorities

Food Security

- FARMLAND Act
- Animal Disease and Disaster Prevention, Surveillance, and Rapid Response Act
- Beagle Brigade Act
- EATS Act

Rural Prosperity

- Expanding Agricultural Exports Act
- FARMERS FIRST Act
- Biomanufacturing and Jobs Act
- Expanding Local Meat Processing Act
- Expanding Childcare in Rural America Act
- Modernizing Agricultural and Manufacturing Bonds Act

Conservation (of land and money)

- Streamlining Conservation Practice Standards Act
- Emergency Watershed Program Floodplain Easement Restoration Act
- Snap Back Inaccurate SNAP Payments Act
- COST Act

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