



May 29, 2018

URGENT ACTION REQUEST

Issue: House Farm Bill Debate Continues

FARM BILL AMENDMENTS:

HR-2, the ***Agriculture & Nutrition Act of 2018*** (Farm Bill) failed on a vote of 198-213 last week on May 18. Immediately following the vote, House Speaker Paul Ryan moved to reconsider, but the vote to reconsider was delayed and the House adjourned for the weekend. Last week the House Rules Committee reported a rule that would allow a vote on the motion to reconsider to be postponed through Friday, June 22, 2018. This means that the motion to reconsider the Farm Bill, and ultimately vote on final passage of the farm bill, could occur any time the House is in session through June 22. This delay gives House leadership time to work on bringing an immigration bill, or bills, to the Floor as members of the House Freedom Caucus had pressed as a prerequisite to gain their support on final passage of the Farm Bill.

The Farm Bill vote on May 18 failed with no Democrats supporting passage and thirty Republican Members joining them in voting no. Seventeen Members did not vote. Kentucky Congressmen Comer (1), Guthrie (2) and Barr (6) voted yes in support of the Farm Bill. Kentucky Congressmen Yarmuth (3) and Massie (4) voted no. Kentucky Congressman Rogers (5) did not vote due to a conflict in the district.

Congress is on Memorial Day Recess this week with Members working in the districts. This is an excellent opportunity to make personal contacts with Members and express the need to pass the Farm Bill when the vote to reconsider and on final passage is held.

ACT NOW:

County grassroots leaders are urged take any opportunity to visit locally with their Member of Congress during this district work week and to call both district and Washington offices urging them to vote "**YES**" on the motion to reconsider, and "**YES**" on final passage of the ***Agriculture & Nutrition Act of 2018***.

- Share your story of how farm bill programs, especially access for affordable crop insurance, affect your farming operation and family.
- Stress the importance to our nation's security of maintaining a strong agricultural base to produce the food, fiber and energy America depends upon.
- Emphasize that this farm bill is fiscally responsible.

Thank 1st District Congressman James Comer, 2nd District Congressman Brett Guthrie and 6th District Congressman Andy Barr for voting in support of HR 2 on May 18, and ask for their continued support when the motion to reconsider is voted on and ultimately on final passage of HR 2.

Ask 5th District Congressman Hal Rogers to support the motion to reconsider and ultimately on final passage of HR 2.

Strongly urge 4th District Congressman Thomas Massie to reconsider his "NO" vote on May 18 and ask him to support the motion to reconsider and change his vote to "YES" on final passage of the farm bill.

Even though no Democrat is projected to break and support the farm bill as written, leaders are urged to contact 3rd District Congressman John Yarmuth and stress the importance of the farm bill to his district and ask him to support the motion to reconsider and ultimately support final passage of the farm bill.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

The following are telephone numbers for each Congressman's primary district office and their Washington office.

District 1: Congressman James Comer

Washington: (202) 225-3115

Tompkinsville: (270) 487-9509

District 4: Congressman Thomas Massie

Washington: (202) 225-3465

Crescent Springs: (859) 426-0080

District 2: Congressman Brett Guthrie

Washington: (202) 225-3501

Bowling Green: (270) 842-9896

District 5: Congressman Harold Rogers

Washington: (202) 225-4601

Somerset: (800) 632-8588

District 3: Congressman John Yarmuth

Washington: (202) 225-5401

Louisville: (502) 582-5129

District 6: Congressman Andy Barr

Washington: (202) 225-4706

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Additional farm bill resources can be viewed at kyfb.com, or by contacting Joe Cain, Director, Kentucky Farm Bureau Commodity Division at joe.cain@kyfb.com or by calling (502) 495-7738.

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