2018 FARM BILL WINS

SAFETY NET
- Strengthens crop insurance programs that help protect farmers from market fluctuations.
- Gives farmers and ranchers more options and flexibility when enrolling in risk management programs.
- Makes technical corrections to crop insurance programs to account for disparities among different counties.

CONSERVATION
- Encourages farmers to take additional acres of environmentally sensitive land out of production.
- Maintains and improves working lands programs that help farmers and ranchers implement and maintain conservation practices on their operations.

FARM STRESS
- Provides support for the establishment and expansion of mental health resources for farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers.
- Provides support for state-run mediation programs that help farmers affordably resolve legal disputes.

DIVERSE MARKETS
- Preserves the funding and structure of programs that expand access to local and value-added markets.
- Helps farmers and ranchers cover the costs of organic certification and food safety planning.

DAIRY
- Offers dairy producers stronger protections from low milk prices.
- Allows for greater flexibility in dairy risk management programs, making them more attractive to small- and medium-sized dairy producers.

CLIMATE CHANGE
- Provides financial and technical assistance to help farmers and ranchers mitigate and adapt to weather volatility.
- Expands opportunities for family farmers and ranchers to divert on-farm waste into renewable energy production.

OPIOID MISUSE
- Helps rural communities better address the challenges associated with the opioid epidemic.
- Sets aside funding for opioid treatment services.
- Prioritizes opioid misuse prevention, treatment, and recovery within rural health programs.

FUTURE OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE
- Provides permanent funding to assist veteran, socially disadvantaged, and beginning farmers and ranchers.
- Establishes a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coordinator at the national level and in each state.