

**Amendments to the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act
(FARRM), H.R. 6083**

(as of 8:30 a.m. 7-11-2012)

Amend. 001 - Rep. Jean Schmidt, R-Ohio

The amendment instructs the Secretary to exclude Medical Marijuana from being a deduction as a medical expense.

Cosponsor: Rep. Renee Ellmers, R-N.C.

Amend. 002 – Rep. Jim Costa, D-Calif.

This amendment will reauthorize Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), Conservation Innovation Grants and Payments for air quality concerns from agriculture operations at level funding of \$37.5 million for fiscal years 2013 through 2017.

Amend. 003 – Rep. Renee Ellmers, R-N.C.

This amendment will add to Title IV: Nutrition to encourage locally and regionally grown and raised food in schools. This no-cost amendment would give more control to the States and local communities by authorizing small rural schools to start making their own food purchases provided the USDA determines this would yield reduced administrative costs.

Cosponsors: Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine; Rep. Chris Gibson, R-N.Y.

Amend. 004 – Rep. Martha Roby, R-Ala.

This amendment would require the government to use SAVE, a simple E-verify-like program to ensure those adults receiving benefits under Title IV are in fact lawfully in the country.

Amend. 005 - Rep. Martha Roby, R-Ala.

This amendment would require households that receive SNAP benefits to provide proof of payment for their heating or cooling bill in order to qualify for the income deduction, effectively changing the Standard Utility Allowance. This amendment would save \$9.38 billion over 10 years the FARRM Act saves.

Amend. 006 – Rep. Mike McIntyre, D-N.C.

This amendment increases the per farm liability limit from \$1 million to \$1.5 million in the Whole Farm Risk Management Insurance product. This product covers diversified operations, including specialty crops and mixed grain/livestock or dairy operations.

Amend. 007 – Rep. Mike McIntyre, D-N.C.

The amendment would extend authorization for appropriations for FY13 through FY17 for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission, the Northern Border Regional Commission and the Southwest Border Regional Commission. It will reduce authorized appropriations from \$30 million to \$20 million and include an administrative cost waiver for appropriations less than \$10 million dollars.

Amend. 008 – Rep. Scott Tipton, R-Colo.

This amendment would direct USDA to encourage, to the maximum extent practicable, private or cooperative lenders to finance rural water and waste disposal facilities by utilizing loan guarantees where possible.

Amend. 009 – Rep. Martha Roby, R-Ala.

This amendment would modify the Safe Drinking Water Act to allow water utilities to post their annual consumer confidence reports online, saving time as well as printing and mailing costs.

Amend. 010 – Rep. Vicky Hartzler, R-Miss.

This amendment authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture acting through Agricultural Research Service to provide greater outreach and educational opportunities to the “Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers, and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers” program by engaging in cooperative agreements with universities and non-profit organizations.

Amend. 011 – Rep. Vicky Hartzler, R-Miss.

This amendment repeals a provision of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 establishing a USDA inspection and grading program for catfish and other species of farm-raised fish.

Amend. 012 – Rep. Chris Gibson, R-N.Y.

This amendment increases the RUS Broadband Program authorization level from \$25 million to \$35 million and directs Appropriations to make not less than \$25 million available for loans and not more than \$10 million available for grants. Grants must be made in combination with a loan where the grant does not exceed 10% of the cost of the project, and the eligible entity provides matching funds from non-Federal sources.

Amend. 013 – Rep. Chris Gibson, R-N.Y.

The amendment would increase the population threshold of rural areas and towns from 20,000 to 30,000 people for the Community Facilities loans and grants program.

Amend. 014 – Rep. Mike McIntyre, D-N.C.

This amendment will allow USDA to share crop information with 501(c)(5) non-profit agricultural commodity marketing and promotion organizations for the purpose of implementing state based programs authorized by producer referendum.

Cosponsor: Rep. Renee Ellmers, R-N.C., Rep. Larry Kissell, D-N.C.

Amend. 015 – Rep. Mike McIntyre, D-N.C.

This amendment would direct \$5 million in mandatory spending to address the water and wastewater backlog at USDA. The language mirrors language in the Senate passed bill.

Amend. 016 – Rep. Mike McIntyre, D-N.C.

This amendment would commission a study at USDA to assess the private market for business interruption insurance, determine what statutory authority would be needed for

RMA to implement a business interruption policy for growers, and explore the feasibility and cost of such a policy if it were to be authorized. This study will look into the poultry business interruption insurance policy.

Cosponsors: Rep. Rick Crawford, R-Ark., Rep. Renee Ellmers, R-N.C.

Amend. 017 – Rep. Glenn W. Thompson, R-Penn.

This amendment would separate Forest Service decision-making and appeals process, effectively repealing Section 322 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993.

Amend. 018 – Rep. Austin Scott, R-Ga.

This amendment would give greater flexibility within purpose of the USDA Business and Industry Loan Program by including the term ‘working capital’ as an approved purpose. This amendment would also allow for rural small businesses to use their accounts receivable as a means for adequate collateral during the underwriting process of the loan program.

Amend. 019 – Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine

This amendment removes the cap on Business and industry loans for local and regional enterprise loan guarantees. The amendment also makes other technical corrections.

Amend. 020 – Rep. Rick Crawford, R-Ark.

This amendment adds another factor for the Secretary to consider when considering allocating project funds. It places importance on projects that have received an initial investment and need a continuation of funding to ensure project maturity.

Amend. 021 – Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass.

This amendment would restore the \$16.5 billion cut to the Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program (SNAP).

Cosponsors: Rep. Joe Baca, D-Calif., Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine, Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt., Rep. Marcia Fudge, D-Ohio, and Rep. Terri Sewell (D-Ala.)

Amend. 022 – Rep. Randy Hultgren, R-Ill.

An amendment to add the word ‘or entity’ after organization under the regional conservation partnership program definitions.

Amend. 023 – Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va.

“Sugar Reform Amendment” This amendment effectively repeals the Feedstock Flexibility Program, unnecessary trade restrictions, eliminates higher price support levels, reforms domestic supply restrictions to provide more flexibility to USDA, and provides flexibility to USDA in administering sugar policies.

Amend. 024- Rep. Bob Gibbs, R-Ohio

The amendment changes the language that if you opt for the RLC program that all “producers” (from “owners”) must agree on the option for which the farmland is entered

into. Since many landowners only rent the farms this would ensure that the actual farmers of the land do what is best for them.

Amend. 025- Rep. Bob Gibbs, R-Ohio

The amendment cuts 5% across the board from all target prices, takes those savings and uses them to strengthen the Revenue Loss Coverage Program and adds language that if you opt for the Price Loss Coverage Program than you must be able to show a loss before receiving payment.

Amend. 026- Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine

The amendment allows the use of SNAP benefits for the purchase of community-supported agriculture share (CSA).

Amend. 027- Rep. Terri Sewell, D-Ala.

The amendment requires the Secretary of Agriculture to report to the House a report on specialty crop production by small-holder, women, minority and socially disadvantaged producers no longer than one year after the bill's enactment.

Amend. 028- Rep. Terri Sewell, D-Ala.

The amendment strikes the matching funds requirement for competitive grants within the National Agricultural, Research, Extension and Teaching Policy Act of 1977.

Amend. 029- Rep. Terri Sewell, D-Ala.

The amendment requires the Secretary of Agriculture to give higher priority to applications for Rural Development projects that support strategic community and economic development plans on a multijurisdictional basis.

Amend. 030- Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va.

The amendment would strike funds for advertising for SNAP and would transfer the saving for commodity purchases for food banks under TEFAP.

Co-sponsor: Rep. Jean Schmidt, R-Ohio

Amend. 031 – Rep. Larry Kissell, D-N.C.

This amendment would require the USDA to study the feasibility of an insurance program that would provide support for growers and/or integrators in the event of a disease outbreak or other catastrophic event that results in significant losses. It would investigate the feasibility, cost, and market for such a program.

Amend. 032 – Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass.

This amendment would close a loophole related to spectators at animal fighting ventures.

Amend. 033 – Rep. K. Michael Conaway, R-Texas

This amendment would establish requirements, consistent with other means-tested programs, for electronic content and format of data used in the administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Amend. 034 – Rep. K. Michael Conaway, R-Texas

This amendment prevents the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) from doing any further work on the GIPSA rulemaking that resulted from the 2008 Farm Bill by repealing the section. This language mirrors that of the Agriculture Appropriations bill.

Cosponsor: Rep. Jim Costa, D-Calif.

Amend. 035 – Rep. Jean Schmidt, R-Ohio

This amendment classifies bed bugs as a vector organism and established an efficacy requirement for 25(b) or minimum risk pesticide labeled for the control of bed bugs and other public health pests.

Amend. 036 – Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan.

This amendment prohibits USDA participation in the White House Rural Council.

Amend. 037 – Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan.

This amendment sets the effective date for the Supplemental Utility Allowance reform for January 1, 2013, and eliminates the option for states to delay implementation by 180 days.

Amend. 038 – Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan.

This amendment raises the minimum LIHEAP payment necessary to qualify for the Supplemental Assistance (SUA) from \$10 to \$25.

Amend. 039 – Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan.

“Farm Dust Amendment” This amendment prohibits the EPA from regulating coarse particulate matter from activities common in rural areas or from natural sources.

Amend. 040 - Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan.

The amendment will restore to the bill all of the SNAP reforms passed by the Committee to fulfill their obligation under the FY 2013 budget reconciliation.

Amend. 041 – Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kans.

This amendment clarifies that privately financed infrastructure projects undertaken by Rural Utilities Service borrowers are not considered to be major federal actions.

Amend. 042 - Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kans.

The amendment defines “waters of the United States” and “navigable waters” for the purposes of regulation by the EPA

Amend. 043 - Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va.

An amendment to maximize the continuity of food product flow to Emergency Feeding Organizations throughout the year from mandatory food deliveries from the TEFAP program to States.

Amend. 044 - Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa

This amendment expresses the sense of Congress that the Army Corps of Engineers take action to provide immediate increased flood protection to agricultural interests along the Missouri River.

Amend. 045- Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa

This amendment would reinforce the Commerce Clause by asserting the right of a state to trade agricultural products with another state. A state cannot deny the trade of an agricultural product from another state based on its means of production.

Amend. 046 - Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn.

This amendment will allow dairy farmers to stay on the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program during the transition process to the new Dairy Producer Margin Program.

Amend. 047 - Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn.

This amendment directs the Secretary of Agriculture to participate in the activities of the Surface Transportation Board (STB) on behalf of the interests of agriculture and rural America.

Amend. 048 - Rep. Jean Schmidt, R-Ohio

This amendment authorizes ongoing federal bed bug research funding.

Amend. 049 - Rep. Marcia Fudge, D-Ohio

The amendment allows the Secretary to establish microloans, not to exceed \$35,000.

Amend. 050 - Rep. Marcia Fudge, D-Ohio

The amendment eliminates the rural residency requirement for operating loans to youth.

Amend. 051- Rep. Marcia Fudge, D-Ohio

The amendment establishes a healthy food financing initiative to underserved areas by providing loans and grants to eligible fresh, healthy food retailers.

Co-sponsor: Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine

Amend. 052- Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine

The amendment directs FSIS to provide food safety technical assistance to small-scale livestock and poultry processing and slaughter establishments and establishes a grant program at USDA Rural Development to assist small-scale facilities make adjustments to meet food safety and regulatory standards.

Amend. 053- Rep. Joe Baca, D-Calif.

The amendment authorizes \$40 million competitive grants program for Hispanic Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities and a \$5 million special scholarship program for Hispanic youth from families employed in agriculture and food processing.

Co-sponsor: Rep. Henry Cuellar, Texas

Amend. 054- Rep. Joe Baca, D-Calif.

The amendment would add a sense of Congress that recognizes the important values of children of farmers and ranchers learn from working on their family farms and urges the United States to follow the standard age requirements for child labor that have been ratified by the United Nations International Labor Organization.

Amend. 055- Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn.

The amendment will extend a provision reducing federal crop insurance subsidies on native sod nationwide while still allowing producers to make decisions regarding their land. The total savings are \$66 million, \$35 million of which will be reinvested to support beginning farmer training through the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program.

Amend. 056- Rep. Reid Ribble, R-Wisc.

Amends the Specialty Crop Block Grant program to allow for grants to be issued for multistate research projects.

Amend. 057- Rep. Cardoza, D-Calif.

The amendment requires the FSA and RMA to implement the Revenue Loss Coverage (RLC) and Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) programs in a manner that ensures they will not directly compete with supplemental coverage currently available from private sector companies.

Amend. 058- Rep. Cardoza, D-Calif.

The amendment will allow private companies to offer alternative coverage to growers under the RLC and SCO programs if they can deliver index-based supplemental coverage at comparable cost and meet strict accountability standards.

Amend. 059- Rep. Cardoza, D-Calif.

The amendment provides dairy producers the option of selecting an alternative method of calculating average feed cost within the margin insurance program.

Amend. 060- Rep. Cardoza, D-Calif.

The amendment directs RMA to conduct a study into the feasibility of a crop insurance product that would cover producers' losses due to food safety recalls that they did not cause.

Amend. 061 - Rep. Tim Johnson, R-Ill.

This amendment clarifies that the intent of the provision related to economic development aspect of broadband projects by connecting businesses to broadband networks, to specify that this provision is not fund projects which only serve business customers, but to allow for an appropriate ration of business and residential service for economic development.

Amend. 062 – Rep. Tim Johnson, R-Ill.

This amendment designates half of the \$10 million dollar Community Food Project increase to be designated for programs to incentivize Farmers Market Use.

Amend. 063 – Rep. Kurt Schrader, D-Ore.

This amendment increases mandatory funding for the Specialty Crop Research Initiative by \$10 million in each Fiscal Year beginning in FY2013. It also increases mandatory funding for Specialty Crop Block Grants by \$10 million annually beginning in FY2013.

Amend. 064 – Rep. Kurt Schrader, D-Ore.

This amendment authorizes Wildlife Services to provide Explosive Pest Control Devices or “cracker shells” to farmers who are permitted to use such devices for bird and wildlife pest hazing. Also exempts farmers who store less than 20-lbs of these devices from the requirement that they be kept in a special storage container called a magazine.

Amend. 065 - Rep. Jim Costa, D-Calif.

This amendment will provide states with the flexibility to enroll into innovative employment and training programs SNAP recipients who are also receiving funds through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. It will broaden the eligibility requirements of those who can receive assistance while also limiting the amount of funds that can be expended on behalf of that participant.

Amend. 066 – Rep. Jim Costa, D-Calif.

This amendment is intended to provide the states with the flexibility to use SNAP Employment and Training funds for services not directly related to the employment and training if such programs are determined to raise the nutrition levels and increase the self-sufficiency of individuals on SNAP.

Amend. 068 - Rep. Leonard Boswell, D-Iowa

This amendment would repeal the term limits for FSA Guaranteed Loans which are currently capped at 15 years, increasing access to capital for farmers nationwide who otherwise would not have access to lending opportunities.

Amend. 069 - Rep. Leonard Boswell, D-Iowa

This amendment would require that all participants in the commodity title would be required to show a revenue loss to be eligible for a PLC or RLC payment.

Amend. 070 - Rep. Leonard Boswell, D-Iowa

The amendment creates a Military Veterans Agricultural Liaison within the USDA to educate returning veterans about farming and connect them with beginning farmer training programs.

Amend. 071 – Rep. Leonard Boswell, D-Iowa

This amendment would require a workload assessment be implemented and provided to the public before any FSA county office closures take place and that the same comment period, and reporting to counties and Congress take place before any closure or relocation happens after a work load assessment is completed.

Cosponsor: Rep. Rick Crawford, R-Ark.

Amend. 072 - Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Texas

This amendment would continue a provision from the 2008 Farm Bill that prevents producers and growers from losing eligibility for any program under the FARRM of 2012 solely as a result of participating in a 1-time study of recharge potential for the Ogallala Aquifer in the High Plains of the State of Texas.

Cosponsors: Rep. K. Michael Conaway, R-Texas, Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas

Amend. 073 - Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Texas

This amendment would require \$50 in LIHEAP assistance per year to qualify for additional benefits under SNAP.

Amend. 074 - Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Texas

This amendment would require USDA to turn in a report not later than 90 days after the date of enactment, to the agriculture committees detailing the steps the Secretary will take so that the U.S. is in compliance with the decision of the World Trade Organization regarding Country of Origin Labeling (COOL).

Amend. 075 – Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Texas

This amendment will require states to submit a report once a year to ensure they are checking to make certain SNAP recipients are not deceased and are not dual-enrolled. If they fail to verify that they are administering the program in accordance with the law, their federal administrative reimbursement will be reduced by half.

Amend. 076 – Rep. Bob Gibbs, R-Ohio

This amendment changes the language that if you opt for the RLB program that all the “majority of owners” must agree on the option for which the farmland is entered into. This would eliminate the possible “veto power” that one landowner might yield over multiple other owners.

Amend. 077 – Rep. Tom Rooney, R-Fla.

This amendment will allow USDA to establish the position of Under Secretary for Foreign Agricultural Services, which would be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Amend. 078 – Rep. David Scott, D-Ga.

This amendment makes the rules governing any U.S. exports of sugar to Colombia in the future equivalent to those governing exports from Columbia to the United States.

Amend. 079 - Rep. Kristi Noem, R-S.D.

This amendment would replace the portion of the bill and allow for, as in the past, REAP funds to be used for blender pumps.

Amend. 080 – Rep. Kristi Noem, R-S.D.

This amendment increases acres for categorical exclusions from 1,000 acres to 10,000 acres to be used for pine beetle mitigation efforts in USDA-designated areas as part of the National Forest Critical Area Response.

Amend. 081 – Rep. Kristi Noem, R-S.D.

This amendment authorizes \$200,000,000 annually for the National Forest Critical Area Response to deal with insect infestations in USDA designated areas in national forests across the west that are battling pine beetle epidemics.

Amend. 082

Permanently establishes an Office of Tribal Relations within the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure Tribal consultation and Tribal access to USDA programs.

Amend. 083

Directs USDA's Risk Management Agency to complete the development of organic price series.

Amend. 084

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to states, tribal governments and research institutions to research, promote and expand access to lands for maple sugaring.

Amend. 085

Removes "Dairy Producer Margin Protection and Dairy Market Stabilization Programs" and replaces it with a new "Dairy Producer Margin Insurance Program."

Amend. 086

Provides mandatory and discretionary funding levels to important energy programs in Title IX. It also repeals a provision prohibiting REAP funding of blender pumps.

Amend. 087- Rep. Marlin Stutzman (R-Ind.)

Ensures due process for farmers and handlers by affirming the right to judicial review of suspension orders.

Amend. 088- Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-Oreg.)

Deletes Title IV from the underlying bill and replaces it with Title IV from S.3240.

Amend. 089 – Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va.

This amendment will require all SNAP benefits in Puerto Rico be delivered by EBT cards. Attempts to eliminate the nearly \$35 million in USDA verified fraud, waste and abuse in the Puerto Rican SNAP program.

Amend. 090 – Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va.

An amendment to require the Secretary to consider the impact of new regulation on the cost of emergency feeding organizations.

Amend. 091 – Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt.

This amendment makes clarifying changes to allow the organic industry to petition the USDA to establish an organic promotion order using the normal promotion order process.

It also modifies the exemption for certified organic products from commodity assessments contained in current law.

Amend. 092- Rep. Kurt Schrader (D –Oreg.)

Creates a pilot program in the state of Oregon to allow for permanent timber production primarily on lands that have been previously harvested, ensuring a sustainable level of timber and forest products from federal lands to maintain and create jobs in the local timber industry. Also, makes several changes to assist western forest production.

Amend. 093 – Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, R-Neb.

An amendment to the Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program to prioritize underserved communities, small and mid-sized farms, and capacity building for local and regional food systems. It also raises the limit on administration funds to 5%.

Amend. 094 - Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, R-Neb.

This amendment would place a limit of \$50,000 for an individual and \$100,00 for a married couple on payments under the Title I revenue and countercyclical commodity programs. It would also place a \$75,000 limit for an individual and \$150,000 for a married couple for marketing loan gains and loan deficiency payments. Also closes a loophole related to the “actively engaged” issue.

Amend. 095 – Rep. Gregorio Sablan, D- Northern Mariana Islands

This amendment would require the Secretary of Agriculture to report to the House Committee on Agriculture and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on the costs of providing schools lunches and other meals and supplements in the U.S. territories with a comparison of those costs to the national reimbursement rates provided under the Russell School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act.

Amend. 096 - Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, R-Neb.

This amendment maintains eligibility for rural communities to compete for rural development.

Amend. 097 - Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, R-Neb.

This amendment would establish a grant priority for veteran-farmer rehabilitation programs and restore critical provisions within the program that foster partnerships with community-based organizations who work directly with farmers. Also maintains the current 25% match requirement.

Amend. 098- Rep. Mick Conaway, R-Texas

The amendment strikes the language prohibiting approval of retail food stores with significant sales of excluded items. The amendment will be offered and withdrawn. Cosponsors: Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas; Rep. Scott DesJarlais, R-Tenn.; Rep. Jean Schmidt, R-Ohio; Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn.; Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt.

Amend. 099- Rep. Joe Courtney, D-Ct.

The amendment seeks to further clarify the definition of unincorporated areas to include state of municipally designated townships, villages, borough, county or municipal subdivision.

Amend. 100- Rep. Joe Courtney, D-Ct.

The amendment seeks to ensure that should the USDA issue findings related to the eligibility of “rural” or “rural areas” previously eligible areas will be grandfathered in until the 2020 census.

Amend. NA– Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va.

This amendment establishes a dairy margin insurance program for the purpose of protecting dairy producer income by paying participating dairy producers margin insurance payments when actual dairy producer margins are less than the threshold levels for the payments.

Cosponsor: Rep. David Scott, R-Ga.