

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 Dairymen'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  
Staplcotn  
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