



## Farm Bill Priorities

### **Prioritized funding for risk management tools, including both federal crop insurance and commodity programs**

- Managing risk on the farm is critical to keeping food on our tables. We all depend on the success of American agriculture, so it's important for America's farmers and ranchers to be supported by strong farm programs as they face weather disasters, high supply costs and inflationary pressures. Ensuring these programs are properly funded, including an increase in reference prices, is crucial for our agricultural producers.

### **Continued funding for the specialty crop block grant program**

- These pass-through funds, administered by State Departments of Agriculture, provide much needed support for producer-directed research initiatives. Florida has historically been a major beneficiary of this program, enhancing our specialty crop production.
- Opportunity exists to build upon the 2018 Farm Bill's funding for mechanization research, as well as various commodity programs such as citrus, sugar and apiculture.

### **Returning the Class I milk mover to the 'higher-of' calculation for fluid milk pricing**

- Florida Farm Bureau remains committed to our struggling dairy sector, which has lost hundreds of millions of dollars due to a misguided policy change in the 2018 Farm Bill.

### **Enhance USDA disaster relief programs**

- Codify USDA's authority to utilize block grants for disbursement of relief funds.
- Standardize disaster relief by creating a permanent framework for a relief package; funding can remain ad hoc.

### **Adequate USDA staffing capacity and technical assistance**

- Farmers are increasingly unable to obtain information and assistance for daily program services, let alone resources and technical support in the preparation and aftermath of major natural disasters.

### **Continued support for U.S. sugar policy**

- Persistent efforts seek to undermine current federal sugar policy, which has been highly effective and administered at no-net cost to the taxpayer.

### **Preserve funding for the National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank**

- A Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak would devastate the cattle industry and the US economy, illustrating the need for continued investment.

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