

# FARM BILL PRIORITIES



## Why is the Farm Bill important to Indiana?



More than 80% of Indiana's land is devoted to farms & forests.



Corn accounts for **\$3.28 Billion** in sales and **\$1.3 Billion** in exports in Indiana.



Every 10 jobs tied directly to agriculture supports 8 additional jobs in Indiana.

## Our Farm Bill Priorities



### IMPROVE FARM SAFETY NET

- Crop insurance must remain affordable & maintain assistance loans
- Agriculture Risk Coverage & Price Loss Coverage must be improved
- Oppose lowering payments & adjusted gross income below current levels



### INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

- Double funds for Foreign Market Development Program and Market Access Program
- Continue to fully utilize USDA's export Credit Guarantee Program & Facility Guarantee Program
- Increase flexibility for monetization for international food aid programs



### ENHANCE CONSERVATION

- Direct funding to improve soil health and water quality, as well as reduce input costs
- Use conservation programming through USDA to reduce weed resistance through conservation tillage and cover crop practices



### CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

- Keep the Conservation Reserve Program
- Natural Research Conservation Service Interim Conservation Practice Standards should be expanded
- NRCS program to cover full-time coordinator watershed projects to reduce nutrient loss