

# FARM BILL PRIORITIES



## Why is the Farm Bill important to Indiana?



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



Soybeans account for **\$3.08 Billion** in sales and **\$2.6 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
- Increase soy reference price with option for updating base acres



### BIOFUELS & BIOPRODUCTS

- Include authorization and funding for the Bioenergy Program, Biodiesel Fuel Education Program, and Biobased Market Program
- Prioritize energy projects that use soybeans and other crops
- Increase investments in research for soy to promote soy as a food ingredient



### 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



### CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

- Direct funding to improve soil health and water quality, as well as reduce input costs
- Direct funding to working land programs and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- Keep the Conservation Reserve Program
- Reward farmers for climate-smart provisions
- Include Growing Climate Solutions Act provisions with incentives for conservation practices