

Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 (i.e, "Farm Bill"): Environmental/Conservation Related Provisions



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The United States House of Representatives Agriculture Committee ("Committee") recently reported out the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 ("H.R. 2").

H.R. 2 is typically denominated the Farm Bill.

The Farm Bill contains a number of environmental and conservation related provisions.

Examples of such provisions include, as outlined by a Committee Fact Sheet:

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (funding increased to \$3 billion per year over the life of the Farm Bill)
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (provided \$250 million per year)
- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (provided \$500 million per year)
- Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program (provided \$100 million per year)
- Conservation Reserve Program (increases acreage to 29 million acres over the life of the Farm Bill while capping rental rates)
- Grassroots Source Water Protection (\$5 million provided)
- Wetland Mitigation program (\$10 million provided)
- Addressed At-Risk Species Identified by State Wildlife/Forest Action Plans
- Provides Certain Categorical Exclusions (referred to as routine activities with known outcomes referencing Forest Service removal of dead trees after wild fires, etc.)
- Reforestation/Rehabilitation (Funding provided)

A copy of the [Committee's Farm Bill Fact Sheet](#) (short summary) and a link to the [Farm Bill](#) can be found here.