

# The 115<sup>th</sup> Congress and the Farm Bill

- Key Dates
- USDA  
Appointments
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# Key Dates

- **TBD:**

- Confirmation Hearing and Vote for nominee Gov. Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture

- **April 28:**

- FY 2017 Continuing Resolution Expires

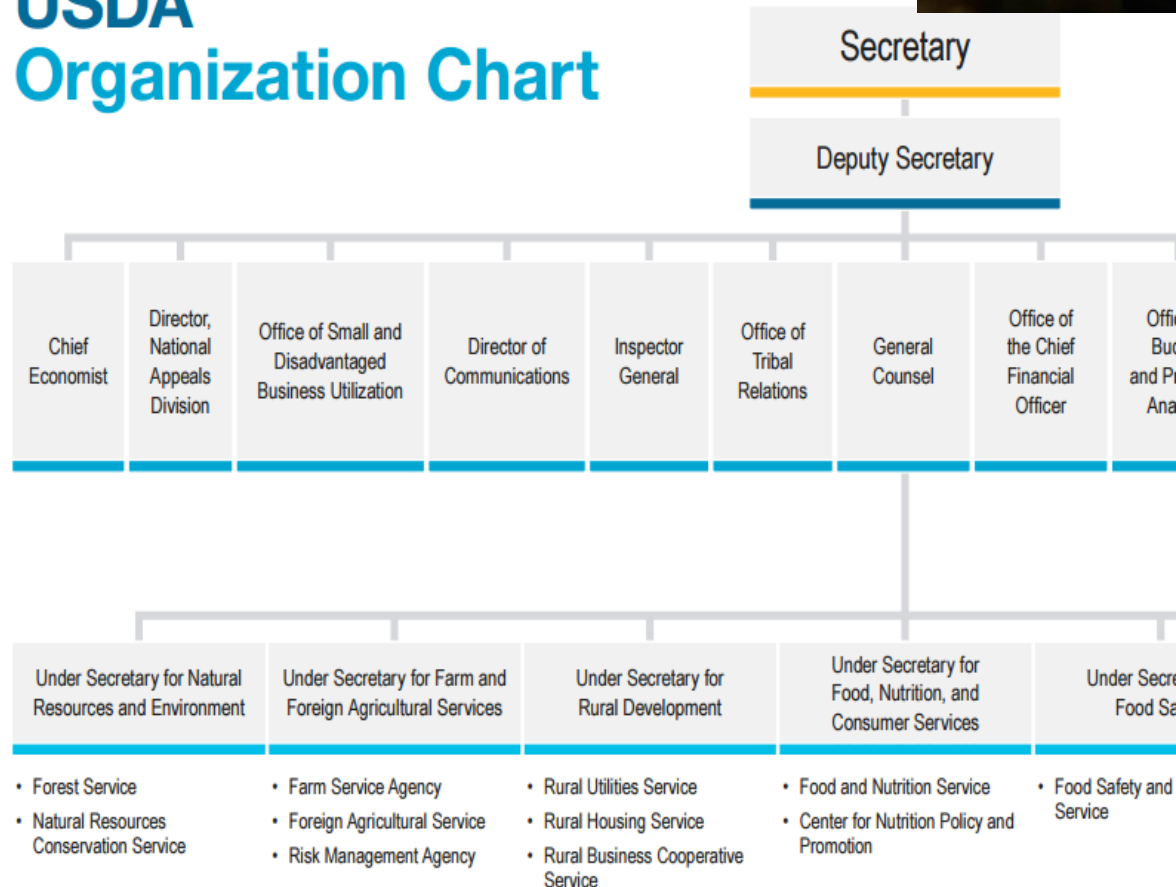
- **September 30:**

- Deadline for FY 2018 spending bills
- **Farm Bill Expires**

# TBD: USDA Appointees



## USDA Organization Chart



# 2014 Farm Bill: What's in it

**Table I. 2014 Farm Bill Budget, by Title (P.L. 113-79)**  
(millions of dollars, FY2014-FY2018)

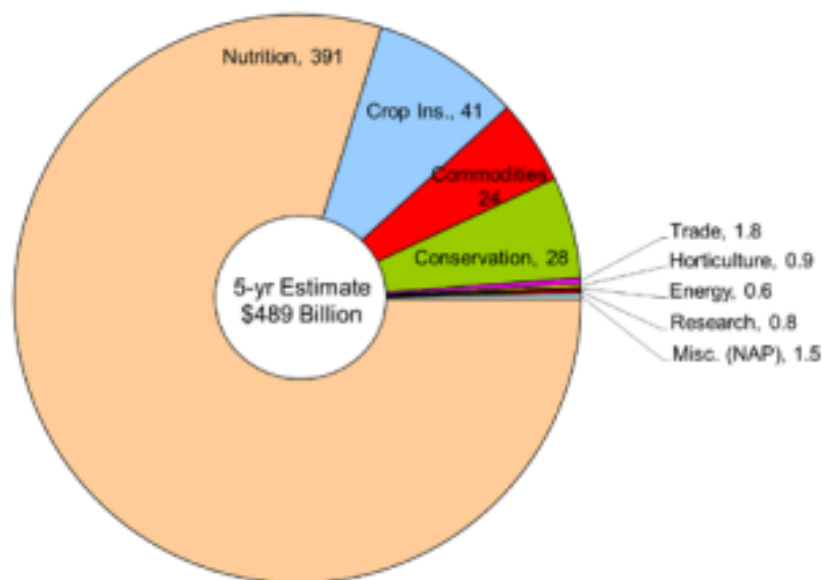
2014 Farm Bill Titles		CBO baseline FY2014- FY2018	CBO Score (chg. to baseline)	Projected Outlays (Baseline + Score)	Share
I	Commodities	29,888	-6,332	23,556	4.8%
II	Conservation	28,373	-208	28,165	5.8%
III	Trade	1,718	+64	1,782	0.4%
IV	Nutrition	393,930	-3,280	390,650	79.9%
V	Credit	-1,011	+0	-1,011	-0.2%
VI	Rural Dev.	13	+205	218	0.04%
VII	Research	111	+689	800	0.2%
VIII	Forestry	3	+5	8	<0.1%
IX	Energy	84	+541	625	0.1%
X	Horticulture	536	+338	874	0.2%
XI	Crop Ins.	39,592	+1,828	41,420	8.5%
XII	Misc. (NAP)	705	+839	1,544	0.3%
<b>Total, Direct Spending</b>		<b>493,941</b>	<b>-5,310</b>	<b>488,631</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Source:** CRS, using the CBO baseline and 2014 farm bill cost estimates (<http://www.cbo.gov/publication/45049>); CBO, "May 2013 Baseline for the 2008 Farm Bill Programs and Provisions, by Title," unpublished, May 2013; and "Updated Budget Projections: Fiscal Years 2013 to 2023," May 14, 2013 (<http://cbo.gov/publication/44172>). Reflects mandatory outlays in millions of dollars (FY2014-FY2018).

# 2014 Farm Bill: What's in it

CBO estimated that the total cost of mandatory programs in the 2014 farm bill would be \$489 billion over the next five years (FY2014-FY2018).

**Figure 1. Share of Projected Outlays, 2014 Farm Bill**  
(billions of dollars, FY2014-FY2018)



**Source:** CRS, using CBO's 2014 farm bill cost estimates (<http://www.cbo.gov/publication/45049>). Shows five-year projected mandatory outlays, FY2014-FY2018, in billions of dollars by title.

# Who writes the next Farm Bill?

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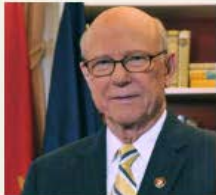
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# Farm Bill Reauthorization

- 2014 Bill Expires 9/30/2018
- Reauthorization Process:
  - Hill Hearings
  - Staff discussions
  - Field hearings
  - Marker Bills
  - House and Senate Bills
    - Committees Draft
  - Conference to Negotiate Differences
  - Final Bill Passed

H. R. 2642

One Hundred Thirteenth Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Friday,  
the third day of January, two thousand and fourteen*

An Act

To provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Agricultural Act of 2014”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.  
Sec. 2. Definition of Secretary of Agriculture.

TITLE I—COMMODITIES

Subtitle A—Repeals and Reforms

PART I—REPEALS

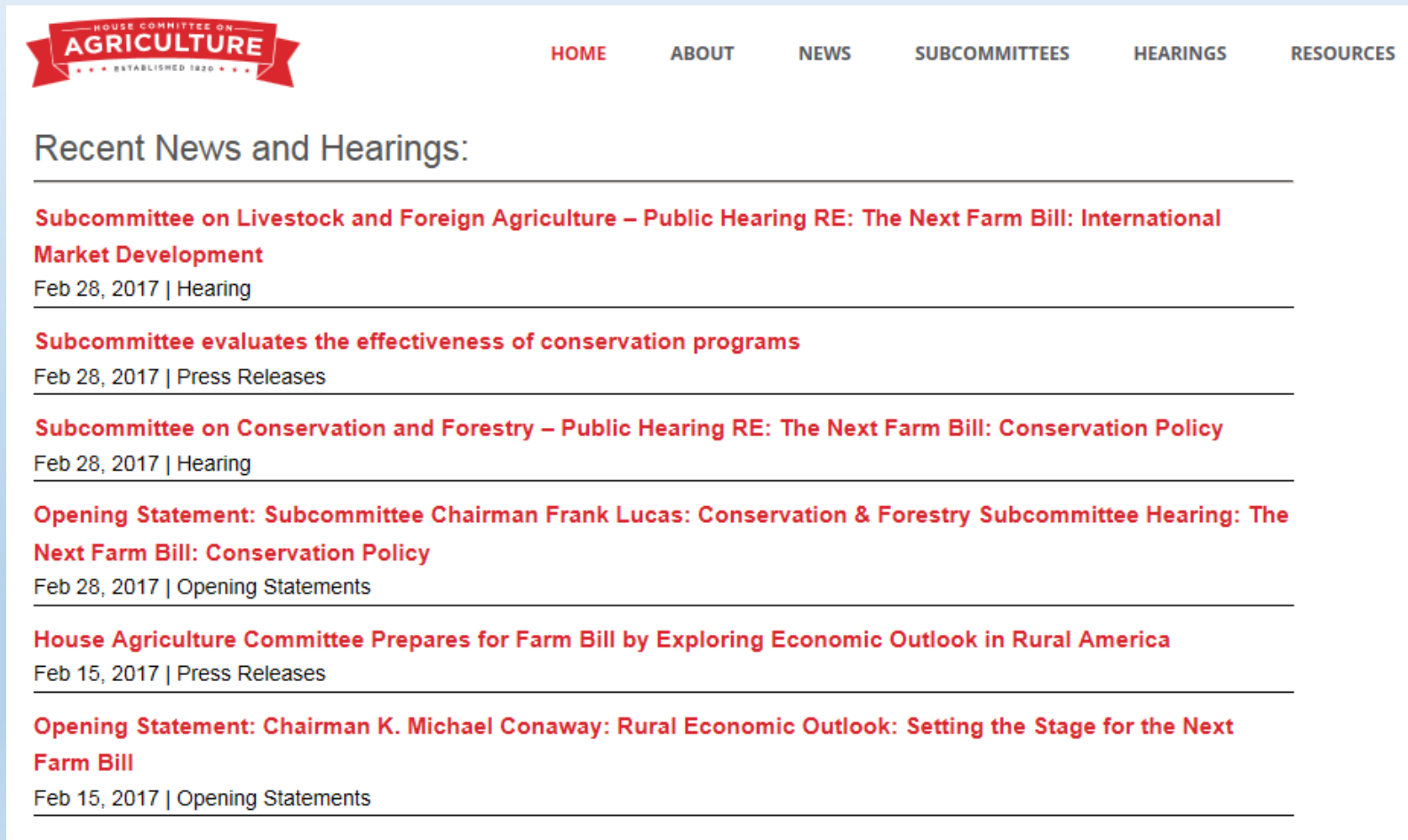
Sec. 1101. Repeal of direct payments.  
Sec. 1102. Repeal of counter-cyclical payments.  
Sec. 1103. Repeal of average crop revenue election program.

PART II—COMMODITY POLICY

Sec. 1111. Definitions.  
Sec. 1112. Base acres.  
Sec. 1113. Payment yields.



# Next Farm Bill: Action to date



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**Opening Statement: Subcommittee Chairman Frank Lucas: Conservation & Forestry Subcommittee Hearing: The Next Farm Bill: Conservation Policy**  
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# Closing Thoughts:

- Problem Solve, Early
- All politics is local
- Show and Tell
- Win-win wins

