2018 FARM BILL PRIORITIES

MAINTAIN AND EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT WETLAND CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE
• Promote a strong coalition among crop insurance, commodity and conservation leaders to support crop insurance and conservation compliance.
• Oppose efforts to repeal or weaken Swampbuster and publicly subsidize private wetland drainage.
• Support improved public transparency, monitoring, enforcement and reporting activities.
• Support improved wetland determination quality, accuracy and timeliness.

INCREASE AND IMPROVE THE CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)
• Support a robust increase to the national CRP cap from current 24 million acres.
• Support an increased CRP grasslands allocation and target most at-risk grasslands.
• Promote expanded CRP working lands and CREP options.

SUPPORT ROBUST FUNDING LEVELS FOR VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS LIKE, ACEP, RCPP, EQIP AND CSP
• Restore funding levels for ACEP to at least $500 million per year.
• Support mandatory RCPP funding of at least $100M/year and support increased allocations of other funds.
• Promote new and innovative working lands conservation practices compatible with farming, ranching and wildlife habitat.

ADVANCE AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS TO ENHANCE PRIORITY LANDSCAPES
• Improve EQIP, CSP and RCPP to enhance winter-flooded habitats, like rice, for waterfowl and other wildlife.
• More flexible and reserved grazing opportunities on Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE).
• Expand waterfowl and producer-friendly working lands programs in priority landscapes.

MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN SODSAVER
• Close perennial crop loophole (i.e., 4-year window starts on first-federally insured year).
• Support improved USDA public transparency and reporting of new breakings data.