

Info Alert

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Senate Approves 2013 Farm Bill; House Expected to Begin Debate on June 17 June 11, 2013

On June 10, the Senate approved the [Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013 \(S. 954\)](#) by a vote of 66 to 27. The action now moves to the House on June 17 when it is scheduled to take up [its version](#), which was previously approved in May by the House Agriculture Committee. Should the House approve its version in the coming weeks, the two chambers would move to a conference to approve a single bill. For details on specific programs and provisions in the House and Senate version please see [NCSL's Farm Bill analysis](#). Additionally, the [Congressional Research Service issued a report](#) on June 4 that compares the latest Senate and House versions.

The 2008 Farm Bill expired on Sept. 30, 2012, although numerous programs have been extended through Sept. 30, 2013. For details on this extension see [NCSL's Info Alert](#).

Finally, on Friday, June 14, [NCSL will host a webinar on the 2013 Farm Bill](#). A panel of speakers will provide updates on different issues, including conservation, crop insurance and nutrition assistance programs. To register or find out more information about NCSL's 2013 E-Learning Webinar series, please [click here](#).

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