



FISCAL YEAR 2025 FACT SHEET

House Republicans are not interested in investing in rural communities or ensuring people do not go hungry. Their 2025 Agriculture funding bill increases costs, threatens access to food for hardworking Americans and people around the world, and jeopardizes the health of children and communities across the United States. By cutting the overall funding level by four percent, House Republicans are underfunding programs that support farmers, lower costs, and help families put food on the table.

Increases Costs for Rural America

- Fails to fully support critical investments in rural communities including direct loans to help hardworking Americans buy homes in rural areas. Republicans are also proposing eliminating grants for farm labor housing.
- Cuts water and waste grants to help households and businesses in rural areas access clean reliable drinking water, sanitary sewage disposal, and storm water drainage.
- Cuts the President's request for the Rural Energy for America Program by 90 percent. This would raise energy costs for rural small businesses and agriculture producers.
- Provides only five percent of the requested funding for the Rural Energy Savings Program, further raising energy costs. This program helps rural utilities implement durable energy efficiency measures that lower costs for rural consumers.

Threatens Access to Food at Home and Abroad

- Cuts, underfunds, or alters critical food assistance programs like WIC, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, the Farmers Market Nutrition Program, and the Emergency Food Assistance Program.
- Slashes international food assistance programs at a time when conflict on nearly every continent and climate change are drastically endangering global food security. Republicans are proposing cutting Food for Peace to the lowest level since 2002, \$688 million below 2024. They also aim to underfund the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition program, providing \$3 million below the request.

Jeopardizes the Health of Children and Communities Across America

- Stands in the way of reducing the use and addictiveness of cigarettes, by blocking FDA from finalizing rules prohibiting menthol in cigarettes, characterizing flavors in cigars, or mandating maximum nicotine levels in cigarettes.