



AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

FISCAL YEAR 2027 FACT SHEET

House Republicans are not interested in investing in rural communities, protecting farmers, or ensuring people do not go hungry. Their 2027 Agriculture funding bill increases costs and threatens access to food for hardworking Americans and people around the world. By cutting the overall funding level by \$1.1 billion, House Republicans are underfunding programs that support farmers and ranchers, lower costs, and help families put food on the table.

Increases Costs for Farmers and Rural Communities

- Cuts water and waste grants that would help households and businesses in rural areas access clean reliable drinking water, sanitary sewage disposal, and storm water drainage.
- Cuts the ReConnect Broadband program by 20 percent, which provides funds for the costs of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in rural areas.
- Slashes Rural Business Development grants by 28 percent, which support targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small, emerging private businesses in rural areas.
- Cuts Rural Energy for American Program loans in half, which lower energy costs for rural communities by providing funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements.

Threatens Access to Food at Home and Abroad

- Despite bipartisan support for fully funding the program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) funding level does not ensure that every eligible WIC participant can receive benefits.
- Fails to provide the full WIC cash benefit for fruits and vegetables that ensures women, infants and children get the nutrients they need.
- Eliminates the Healthy Food Financing Initiative, which provides grants, loans, and technical assistance to improve access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food in underserved urban and rural communities.
- Slashes Food for Peace by 25 percent, a program that puts America first by supporting American farmers while delivering critical assistance to people facing famine worldwide.

Leaves Farmers without the Support They Need

- Cuts staffing for the Farm Service Agency (FSA), which operates offices across the country that assist farmers in getting needed federal assistance. House Republicans are providing nearly \$19 million less for FSA staffing than what was provided in 2026.
- Slashes funding for the Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Operations by 8 percent below 2026.
- Eliminates the Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers program, which provides reimbursements to producers for the high costs of transporting agricultural commodities or inputs.