

**Planting Transferability Amendment
Offered by Rep. Ellsworth**

This amendment would create a pilot program in Indiana to allow for the planting of tomatoes grown and contracted for processing on up to 10,000 base acres. It would reduce base acres on an acre by acre basis for each tomato acre planted. The pilot program would expire at the end of the 2012 crop year.

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
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At the end of section 1105, add the following new subsection:

1 (d) PLANTING TRANSFERABILITY PILOT PROJECT.—

2 (1) PILOT PROJECT AUTHORIZED.—In addition
3 to the exceptions provided in subsection (c), the Sec-
4 retary shall carry out a pilot project in the State of
5 Indiana under which paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
6 section (b) shall not limit the planting of tomatoes
7 grown for processing on up to 10,000 base acres
8 during each of the 2008 through 2012 crop years.

9 (2) CONTRACT AND MANAGEMENT REQUIRE-
10 MENTS.— To be eligible for selection to participate
11 in the pilot project, a producer must—

12 (A) have a contract to grow tomatoes for
13 processing; and

14 (B) be able to produce the tomatoes as part
15 of a program of crop rotation on the farm to
16 achieve agronomic and pest and disease man-
17 agement benefits.

1 (3) TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN BASE ACRES.—

2 The base acres on a farm for a crop year shall be
3 reduced by an acre for each acre planted to tomatoes
4 under the pilot program.

5 (4) DURATION OF REDUCTIONS.—The reduc-
6 tion in the base acres of a farm for a crop year
7 under paragraph (3) shall expire at the end of the
8 crop year, unless the producers on the farm elect to
9 continue to participate in the pilot project for the
10 subsequent crop year.

11 (5) RECALCULATION OF BASE ACRES.—If the
12 Secretary recalculates base acres for a farm while
13 the farm is included in the pilot project, the planting
14 and production of tomatoes under the pilot project
15 shall be considered to be the same as the planting,
16 prevented planting, or production of a covered com-
17 modity. Nothing in this paragraph provides author-
18 ity for the Secretary to recalculate base acres for a
19 farm.