

# 2008 Farm Bill Trade Title:

## Increasing Access and Expanding Trade throughout the World

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- **Helps fight hunger and provides food assistance around the world**
  - Increases ability of the Agency for International Development to pre-position food around the world to get food aid to people faster
  - Increases oversight and monitoring of food aid programs to increase efficiency and ensure effectiveness
- **Establishes a \$60 million pilot program for local or regional purchases of food aid**
  - Provides the opportunity for local purchases of food aid commodities while ensuring that the purchases do not cause dramatic price increases or exacerbate shortages overseas
- **Provides funding for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program**
  - Provides \$84 million in mandatory funding for the program, which provides nutritious meals in schools for hungry children in needy areas of the world
  - Since the program started in 2000, the McGovern-Dole program has fed 26 million children in 41 countries
- **Increases the availability and viability of American products in foreign markets**
  - Maintains funding for the Market Access Program at \$200 million per year
  - Extends the Foreign Market Development Program which works to expand US export opportunities
  - Increases funding by \$27 million over 5 years for the Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops Program, which helps US organizations address sanitary, phytosanitary and other technical barriers that keep them from exporting to certain other countries
    - Total funding for the program is \$37 million
- **Reforms the Export Credit Guarantee Programs to bring them into compliance with World Trade Organization agreements**
  - Lifts the fee cap of 1% on the GSM-102 program
  - Eliminates long term export credit (the GSM-103 program)

### Farm Bill Trade Program Facts:

- The Foreign Agricultural Service administers the Export Credit Guarantees Programs and other programs to advance U.S. agricultural exports overseas. The Agency is responsible for the Market Access Program, Foreign Market Development Program, and the Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops Program.
- The McGovern-Dole program was established in the 2002 farm bill to replace the Global Food for Education Initiative pilot program. The program not only feeds children in needy areas of the world; it also gets them to attend school.