



# AMERICA'S FARM BILL 2012

## *Farm Policy Priorities*

### **Did You Know?**

**Commodity support comprises less than .25% of the federal budget, but it ensures that we maintain the ability to feed our country.**

### **Resources for All Producers**

The diversity of American agriculture is one of our greatest strengths. We produce a wide variety of crops that provide food and fiber for the world. But because of that diversity, we can't expect a single program to function effectively for all producers. The Farm Bill must provide a choice of risk management tools that allow everyone a chance to prosper.

*"One of the great strengths of rural America in the three previous farm bills I've been a part of is that even though we didn't necessarily agree by region, we didn't necessarily agree by policy group, we came together as producers, as processors, the whole country, to push for some common farm policy."*  
—Chairman Frank D. Lucas

### **Strong Crop Insurance**

Farmers face volatile forces beyond their control every season. When disaster strikes or prices fall, producers can rely on crop insurance to ensure that their losses are not devastating. A strong and efficient crop insurance program helps them manage these risks in a fiscally responsible manner.

*"Commodity support keeps farmers in business, which keeps food on our plates. When I talk to farmers and ranchers, I hear a constant refrain: 'We're not asking for a handout; we just need a floor in place for when the bottom drops out.' That's what crop insurance and Title I programs provide - a floor, a safety net for food production."*  
—Chairman Frank D. Lucas



### **Solid Conservation Title**

The Farm Bill helps conserve and improve the quality of soil, water, air, wetlands, wildlife, and wildlife habitat. The Farm Bill will improve the efficiency of our conservation programs to continue using highly successful market-based incentives to preserve our resources for the next generation.