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House Agriculture Committee releases farm bill text

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Several provisions that ASA, CSSA, and SSSA support were included in the bill. In the Conservation title, there is new emphasis on third-party providers for conservation technical assistance, and a clear process for certifying third-party technical assistance providers is established. In the Research title, several research programs are reauthorized, including AGARDA, AFRI, SARE, and FFAR, but no additional funding is included. The bill directs greater coordination between USDA and DOE, DOD, and NSF and creates the Ag Innovation Corp to facilitate ag tech transfer.

The House Agriculture Committee has announced a markup beginning on February 23, but Democratic support for the bill could be limited with Ranking Member Angie Craig indicating she will not be voting for the bill although it is likely some rank-and-file members will. While Senate Agriculture Committee Chair John Boozman expressed his support for the House bill, the process and timeline to move the farm bill in the Senate remains unclear.

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