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Senators Boozman, Hoeven Push for Expanded Farm Assistance

In response to calls from agricultural organizations, led by the American Farm Bureau Federation, Senate Agriculture Chairman John Boozman (R-AR) and Agriculture Appropriations Committee Chairman John Hoeven (R-ND) are urging Congress to provide additional farmer aid in the upcoming continuing resolution. Congress must pass a continuing resolution by January 30, 2026, in order to avoid a partial government shutdown.

The senators' proposal would build upon the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) program. Key components of the plan include:

- Additional funds to cover a greater share of producer losses
- The inclusion of prevented planted acres as eligible under the FBA
- Expanded payment limits of \$155,000, as passed in the OBBBA for 2025 and beyond
- Additional assistance for losses that exceed national averages
- The inclusion of sugar beet and sugar cane as eligible commodities
- Increased farm ownership and operating loan limits

See the [press release](#) for additional information.



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