

Speaker Ryan: Statement on Farm Bill Conference Report

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WASHINGTON—House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) today issued the following statement on the farm bill agreement reached by the House and Senate:

“Rural America is at the heart of our way of life. Our farmers, ranchers, and rural communities count on agriculture policy that delivers certainty and support, and this farm bill achieves that goal. This bill strengthens work requirements for our federal nutrition benefit programs, and uses savings to better train and equip our workforce—reforms we have long sought to help more Americans move from welfare to work. Now we need to build on this, which is why it is important that this bill ensures Secretary Perdue can continue his work on this critical issue.

“This bill will also help keep communities safe by reducing catastrophic wildfire risk and will provide more timber management tools at the state, county, and tribal levels. I am thankful to Chairman Conaway and the members of the House Committee on Agriculture for all the work they have put into this legislation. This is a good day for American producers and families.”