

# U.S. Rep. Kind: Proposes bipartisan amendments to the 2018 Farm Bill

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**La Crosse** – Today, **U.S. Rep. Ron Kind** proposed seven amendments to the Rules Committee for consideration in the 2018 Farm Bill, *H.R.2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act*. The amendments Rep. Kind led include amendments to create more transparency in the crop insurance program, protect the Conservation Stewardship Program, and avoid trade disputes with Brazil due to U.S. cotton subsidies.

“I am proud to offer amendments to the Farm Bill that create more transparency, protect our farming and outdoor traditions, and save Wisconsinites hard-earned money,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**. “We need to come together and demand a better Farm Bill that works for Wisconsin farmers, families, and communities.”

Rep. Kind’s amendments to the 2018 Farm Bill include the following:

- A bipartisan amendment to: Bring crop insurance in line with other taxpayer funded programs, in order to create more transparency within the Crop Insurance Program (Reps. Kind/Sensenbrenner)
- An amendment to: Reinstate the Conservation Stewardship Program, in order to give farmers the tools they need for land conservation projects
- An amendment to: Reverse a provision found in the budgetary funding bill from February that made cotton seed covered under Title 1, this reversal is needed in order to avoid a trade dispute with the World Trade Organization

and Brazilian cotton farmers

- A bipartisan amendment to: Lower the return rate that insurance companies can receive to 12% on Crop Insurance premiums, in order to save \$3 billion over 10 years  
(Reps. Kind/Sanford)
- A bipartisan amendment to: Create a gross income limit for Crop Insurance recipients at \$500,000, in order to avoid paying crop insurance subsidies to millionaires and billionaires (Reps. Kind/Rothfuss)
- A bipartisan amendment to: Lower the gross income limit for Title I recipients from \$900,000 to \$500,000, in order to avoid subsidizing millionaire's farms (Reps. Kind/Rothfuss/Sensenbrenner)
- A bipartisan amendment to: Open the US sugar market, in order to avoid continuing an artificially supported market (Reps. Foxx, Danny K. Davis/Shuster/Blumenauer/Chabot/Speier/Barletta/Kind)

All proposed amendments are being considered by the House Committee on Rules.