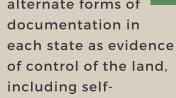


# 2018 FARM BILL PROMISES YOU...

**FARM BILL FACTS** 

- alternate forms of • Provides a farm number and program eligibility to farm owners and operators farming on certification. heirs property.
- Provides authority to Provides authority to establish a loan data and perform program through analysis on trends in qualified intermediaries to work farmland ownership and operation. on



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## **CONSERVATION**

 Ensures that all beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers enrolling in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) have the option to receive 50 percent of their cost-share payment up front.



**Expands State Agricultural Mediation** Grants to support mediation services:

 Agricultural mediation programs will now be authorized to work on lease issues, family farm transitions, farmer/neighbor conflicts, organic certification issues.



### **EDUCATION - HBCU'S**



- \$15 million for HBCU cooperative extension and research
- \$10 million a year to support three new **HBCU** Centers of Excellence to address agricultural workforce development, nutrition and food security, economic development and emerging technologies.



- Raises the loan limit on Direct Farm Ownership Loans to \$600,000.
- **Raises Direct** Operating Loans (DOL) to \$400,000 and quaranteed loans to \$1.75 million.
- Increased public reporting on lending trends for beginning and SD farmers, which will be important to ensure that loan funding remains available for these communities.





- Creates the Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP) and provides the program with \$50 million per year.
- LAMP combines the Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program (FMLFPP) and Value-Added Producer Grants (VAPG) program creating financial opportunities for farmers and cooperatives.

- Adopts the Senate's provision to include and provide permanent mandatory funding for the Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach (FOTO) program.
- Provides \$435 million in mandatory funding for FOTO over the next ten years, and establishes permanent baseline.

