



# 1 LAND RETENTION

- Provides a farm number and program eligibility to farm owners and operators farming on heirs property.
- Provides authority to establish a loan program through qualified intermediaries to work on
- Identifies similar alternate forms of documentation in each state as evidence of control of the land, including self-certification.
- Provides authority to the Secretary to collect data and perform analysis on trends in farmland ownership and operation.

# 2 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.



# 3 MEDIATION

**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.

# 2018 FARM BILL PROMISES YOU...

## FARM BILL FACTS



# 4 EDUCATION -HBCU'S



- \$80 million in new funding to land-grant HBCUs for student scholarships
- \$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.



# 5 CREDIT

- Raises the loan limit on Direct Farm Ownership Loans to \$600,000.
- Raises Direct Operating Loans (DOL) to \$400,000 and guaranteed 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.



# 6 PRODUCERS & MARKETING

- 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.



# 7 OUTREACH & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- 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.

