

July 21, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

As they navigate one of the toughest economic stretches in decades, many farm families are worried about more than just covering record-high bills — they're also concerned about securing the credit they need to plant and grow next year's crop. A combination of weak commodity and farm gate prices, record-high production costs, increased labor costs, and shrinking margins has left many farm families with substantial uncovered losses and little working capital to fall back on.

Farmers, ranchers, growers, and producers are still contending with negative returns, and in some sectors, losses have persisted for multiple years. Adding to the strain, price volatility for critical crop inputs, like fertilizer and fuel, due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz during this growing season, are driving costs even higher while prices remain stagnant.

With cumulative losses across the farm economy far exceeding \$12 billion, the undersigned organizations urge the House of Representatives to support at least \$12 billion in relief for agriculture as part of the House budget reconciliation package, consistent with the President's commitment to providing assistance for America's farmers, ranchers, growers, and producers. This assistance builds on the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program, the Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops Program, the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program, and an improved farm safety net to provide critical support at a time when farmers need stability and certainty.

America's family farms produce the food, fiber and fuel that Americans rely on every day, and their work supports jobs and economic activity across this country. We ask for your leadership and support in preserving this critical assistance and ensuring timely relief reaches farm families as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Almond Alliance

Amcot

American Cotton Producers

American Farm Bureau Federation
American Grown Flowers
American Pistachio Growers
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
AmericanHort
California Avocado Commission
California Walnut Commission
Controlled Environment Agriculture Alliance
Cranberry Institute
Crop Insurance Professionals Association
Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association
Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association
International Fresh Produce Association
National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Citrus Council
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Onion Association
National Pecan Federation
National Potato Council
National Sorghum Producers
National Sunflower Association
National Watermelon Association

North American Blueberry Council
Northharvest Bean Growers Association
Northwest Horticultural Council
Society of American Florists
Southwest Council of Agribusiness
Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance
Turfgrass Producers International
U.S. Apple Association
U.S. Canola Association
U.S. Custom Harvesters
U.S. Peanut Federation
US Rice Producers Association
USA Pulses
USA Rice
Western Growers Association
Western Peanut Growers Association
Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine
Wine Institute