

The Farm Bill 2019

Monday.—Background Discussion

Congress completed reauthorization of the farm bill with the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. This class will review the debate with a specific focus on farm policy (commodities and crop insurance), conservation policy and the politics of food assistance in a farm bill. It will also include a discussion of policymaking and legislating generally, using the farm bill as a window into our system of self-government.

As supplemental and optional background reading, the library has a copy of Jonathan Coppess, *FAULT LINES OF FARM POLICY: A LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL HISTORY OF THE FARM BILL* or it is available from University of Nebraska Press.

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Hour 1: Introduction to the Farm Bill and the 2018 Debate

- Johnson, R. and J. Monke, "What is the Farm Bill," Congressional Research Service, CRS Report RS22131 (April 26, 2018), available online: <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RS22131.pdf> or from: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/>
- Coppess, J., G. Schnitkey, C. Zulauf, N. Paulson, B. Gramig and K. Swanson. "The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018: Initial Review." *farmdoc daily* (8):227, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, December 12, 2018, <https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2018/12/the-agriculture-improvement-act-of-2018-initial-review.html>.
- Coppess, J., C. Zulauf, G. Schnitkey and N. Paulson. "The Farm Bill Stalemate, Part 1: Commodity Assistance." *farmdoc daily* (8):180, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 27, 2018, <https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2018/09/the-farm-bill-stalemate-part-1-commodity-assistance.html>.
- Coppess, J., C. Zulauf, N. Paulson and G. Schnitkey. "The Farm Bill Stalemate, Part 2: The SNAP Question." *farmdoc daily* (8):184, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 4, 2018, <https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2018/10/the-farm-bill-stalemate-part-2-the-snap-question.html>.
- Coppess, J., B. Gramig, C. Zulauf, N. Paulson and G. Schnitkey. "Farm Bill Stalemate, Part 3: Conservation Concerns." *farmdoc daily* (8):192, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 17, 2018, <https://farmdocdaily>.
- Jonathan Coppess, *Reconciling Farm Commodity Policy*, FARM FOUNDATION ISSUE REPORT (Sept. 2017), available at: https://www.farmfoundation.org/news/articlefiles/105-Coppess_IssueReportFINAL%20Oct%202017.pdf

Hour 2: Brief Historical Overview; Origins of the Farm Bill

- Edward L. and Frederick H. Schapsmeier, *Farm Policy from FDR to Eisenhower: Southern Democrats and the Politics of Agriculture*, AGRICULTURAL HISTORY, Vol. 53, No. 1 (Jan. 1979).

- Coppess, J. "Considering Policy Reversion: The Parity Paradox." *farmdoc daily* (9):90, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 16, 2019, <https://farmdocdaily>.

Hour 3: Farm Bill History and Development; the Seventies and Eighties.

- Coppess, J. "A Brief Review of the Consequential Seventies." *farmdoc daily* (9):99, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 30, 2019, <https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2019/05/a-brief-review-of-the-consequential-seventies.html>.

- Coppess, J. "Federal Budget Discipline and Reform: A Review and Discussion, Part 1." *farmdoc daily* (8):218, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 29, 2018, <https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2018/11/federal-budget-discipline-and-reform-a-review-and-discussion-part-1.html>.

- Coppess, J. "Federal Budget Discussion, Part 2: Revenues and Spending." *farmdoc daily* (9):70, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 18, 2019, <https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2019/04/federal-budget-discussion-part-2-revenues-and-spending.html>.

- Linda A. Malone, *A Historical Essay on the Conservation Provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill: Sodbusting, Swampbusting, and the Conservation Reserve*, 24 U. KAN. L. REV. 577 (1985-1986).

- Coppess, J. "Reviewing Farm Bill History: Budgets, Boll Weevils and the 1981 Farm Bill." *farmdoc daily* (7):49, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 16, 2017, <https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2017/03/reviewing-farm-bill-history-budgets-boll-weevils.html>.