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Appendix 3: Ag 101: The Farm Bill

Part 1

Directions:

Read the article “Ag 101: The Farm Bill” in the spring/summer 2024 issue of *FFA New Horizons* and answer the questions below.

1. What is the U.S. farm bill, and why is it currently a topic of discussion in agriculture?
2. Describe the legislative process of the U.S. farm bill from committee debates to becoming law.
3. How often are the provisions of the farm bill amended, reauthorized or repealed? Why is this time frame significant in the farm bill process?
4. What are the 12 topics (titles) covered in the farm bill?
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5. Describe the impact the farm bill has on the agriculture industry.

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Part 2

Directions:

As assigned by your teacher, research one of the 12 titles in the United States Farm Bill. Then, using the provided handout, create your portion of the class's Farm Bill 101 poster. You must include the information from the questions below, but you can also include any other information you discover that is relevant to your assigned title. Be sure to include at least **one image** as well!

Some of the following sites may be helpful to you in your research:

- USDA, Farm Bill: <https://www.usda.gov/farmbill>
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1. Describe the purpose of this title in one or two sentences.
2. What kinds of programs are included within this title?
3. Who is mainly affected by this title?
4. How much money was allocated to this title in the most recent farm bill?
5. Record any other information about this title that you'd like to include on the poster:

Once all the pages are completed for each title, assemble all 12 title pages together along with the Farm Bill 101 cover page and process explanation page to create your class's Farm Bill 101 poster.

FARM BILL 101



Class Name & Period:

What is the Farm Bill?

The U.S. farm bill is the primary piece of legislation that authorizes a variety of agriculture, food and rural programs. Topics such as trade promotion, farm price support programs, conservation, climate change, food and nutrition programs and rural development can all be part of the bill.

Who works on it?

Debate begins in the House Committee on Agriculture and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. From there, debate moves to the House and Senate floors, where amendments can be offered. Once a bill is passed by both the House and Senate, the legislation needs to be signed by the president before becoming law.

How does the process work?

Every five years, the various provisions of the bill are amended, reauthorized or repealed for the upcoming five-year period. Lawmakers can have different ideas on how the provisions of the sweeping bill should work. The five-year time frame allows lawmakers to adjust or update policies to fit current market conditions.

How does the process work?

The farm bill started as legislation in the 1930s to support farmers and ensure food security for the nation. Since then, it has expanded to provide food and nutrition assistance, support rural communities, conserve natural resources, boost exports and more. For farmers, commodity support programs, crop insurance and marketing loans — all of which are included in the farm bill — can directly impact their work. The farm bill helps drive food and agriculture policy not only for the next five years, but also many years to come.

TITLE 1: Commodities

TITLE 2: Conservation

TITLE 3: Trade

TITLE 4: Nutrition

TITLE 5: Credit

TITLE 6: Rural Development

TITLE 7: Research, Extension and Related Matters

TITLE 8: Forestry

TITLE 9: Energy

TITLE 10: Horticulture

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TITLE 12: Miscellaneous

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The U.S. farm bill is a significant piece of legislation that covers various agriculture, food and rural programs. It is currently a topic of discussion because the previous farm bill expired in October 2023, prompting the need for a new and updated version.

2. Describe the legislative process of the U.S. farm bill from committee debates to becoming law.

The bill begins in the House Committee on Agriculture and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry and is debated within each committee. After committee debates, the farm bill moves to the House and Senate floors, where amendments can be offered. Once passed by both chambers, it needs to be signed by the president before becoming law.

3. How often are the provisions of the farm bill amended, reauthorized or repealed? Why is this time frame significant in the farm bill process?

The provisions of the farm bill are reviewed every five years. The five-year time frame allows lawmakers to regularly reassess and update policies to align with the evolving needs and conditions of the agriculture industry.

4. What are the 12 topics (titles) covered in the farm bill?

1. **Commodities**
2. **Conservation**
3. **Trade**
4. **Nutrition**
5. **Credit**
6. **Rural Development**
7. **Research, Extension and Related Matters**
8. **Forestry**
9. **Energy**
10. **Horticulture**
11. **Crop Insurance**
12. **Miscellaneous**

5. Describe the impact the farm bill has on the agriculture industry.

The farm bill sets the framework for food and agriculture policy, impacting the industry not only in the short term but also for an extended period, shaping policies for years to come.



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Part 2

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