

Hoeven: FY2020 Agriculture Appropriations Priorities

Support for Farmers and Ranchers

- Maintains crop insurance
- Supports implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill
- Fully funds direct, guaranteed and emergency loans
- Includes Hoeven's Water Bank Program, to provide compensation for farmers and landowners for flooded land through 10-year voluntary conservation agreements
- Provides for Wetland Mitigation Banking, an important resource for farmers to remain conservation compliant
- Supports the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network
- Maintains Senate report language for Acre-for-Acre Wetlands Mitigation
- Provides support for APHIS to reduce blackbird depredation
- Includes APHIS funding for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) management

Investing in Agriculture Research

- Maintains formula research funding for land-grant universities
- Provides research funding for the Agricultural Research Service, including for:
 - U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative
 - Potato Research Program
 - National Pulse Crop Research Programs
 - Sugarbeet Research
 - Chronic Wasting Disease Research
 - Pulse Crop Health Initiative
 - Alfalfa Research
 - Small Grains Genomics
 - Healthy Soils Initiative
 - Sclerotinia Initiative
 - UAS Precision Agriculture
- Funds the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, which is university-based funding for schools like NDSU
- Funds the New Beginning for Tribal Students program, which provides grants to land-grant universities to support resources for tribal students

Building Rural Communities

- Rural Development Programs:
 - Maintains funding for Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program
 - Provides \$5 million for **Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant Program (RISE) Grants and \$3 million for the Agriculture Innovation Center Program (AIC)**, which will support the development of rural broadband and precision agriculture, including at **Grand Farm**
- Rural Utilities Service:
 - Provides \$550 million for ReConnect, the rural broadband program
 - Supports for the Circuit Rider Program
 - Supports Distance Learning & Telemedicine grants
 - Community Connect program
- Maintains funding for the Grassroots Source Water Protection Program