



## **Feed Emergency Enhancement During Disasters with Cover Crops (FEEDD) Act**

Introduced by U.S. Senators John Hoeven (R-N.D.) and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.)  
U.S. Representatives Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) and Angie Craig (D-Minn.)

Here's what our nation's farming and ranching groups are saying about the FEEDD Act:

“We appreciate Sen. Hoeven’s introduction of the FEEDD Act. This legislation provides badly needed flexibility around the arbitrary November 1 haying and grazing date on prevented plant acres. It also eliminates barriers to responsible stewardship by allowing producers to utilize cover crops. After a year in which North Dakota producers claimed more than three million prevented plant acres, we are grateful for this legislation and look forward to its final passage.” – **Mark Watne, President, North Dakota Farmers Union.**

“The FEEDD Act will offer cattle producers more flexibility and help in alleviating feed concerns in years of excessive moisture, flooding and drought. Our state has experienced each of these weather extremes in the last few years, and this legislation will establish a permanent plan of action so producers have some clarity about critical dates and don't have to be left wondering and worrying if and when those situations arise again.” – **Jeff Schafer, New Rockford cattleman and President, North Dakota Stockmen's Association.**

“The North Dakota Corn Growers Association (NDCGA) applauds Sen. Hoeven’s efforts to address problems with current prevented planting rules that do not allow for cover crops to be hayed, grazed, or otherwise harvested before Nov. 1 without penalty to a crop insurance claim. We think this legislation is an excellent start to addressing region specific concerns, and we look forward to working further with the Senator to get legislation enacted this year.” – **Rob Hanson, President, North Dakota Corn Growers Association.**

“The Feed Emergency Enhancement During Disasters Act helps livestock producers and farmers alike by allowing the planting of forage crops after the prevent plant date. This common-sense approach provides farmers flexibility in the management of their land while allowing for livestock forage to be grown. I commend Representatives Johnson, Craig, and Senators Hoeven and Baldwin for introducing this important piece of legislation.” – **Zippy Duvall, President, American Farm Bureau Federation.**

“We commend Reps. Craig and Johnson and Senators Hoeven and Baldwin for their bipartisan leadership on the Feed Emergency Enhancement During Disasters Act. This bill will enact into law important reforms to help dairy farmers manage feed shortages that have arisen in recent years due to significant spring floods.” – **Jim Mulhern, President and CEO, National Milk Producers Federation**

“We should be doing everything we can to promote the adoption of cover crops to protect the soil from water and wind erosion, improve soil health and help sequester carbon in our nation’s soils. Over the last few years, however, farmers have had to wait for a waiver from USDA in order to have the certainty they needed that planting a cover crop would ultimately make economic sense. It is vitally important that fields are not left bare during the year and the Feed Emergency Enhancement During Disasters Act will remove this uncertainty from the crop insurance rules and provide commonsense dates for the usage of cover crops in order to encourage adoption of this important conservation practice.” – **Tim Palmer, president, National Association of Conservation Districts.**