



## Legislative Priorities for the 2023 Farm Bill

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*The 2023 farm bill reauthorization comes at a critical time. In the U.S., more than 34 million people, including 9 million children, are food insecure. Globally, more than 345 million people are facing high levels of food insecurity – more than double the number in 2020. Over 80 percent of farm bill funding supports U.S. and global anti-hunger programs. We can't miss this opportunity to protect and strengthen vital programs like SNAP and international food aid and to make improvements in key areas of the farm bill—moving us closer to a world without hunger.*

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### We ask members of Congress to:

#### **Cosponsor the *GusNIP Expansion Act (HOUSE, H.R.4856) and GusNIP Improvement Act (SENATE, S.2577)*. ([press release](#) from the Fair Food Network)**

- The Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) provides SNAP recipients with resources on top of their SNAP benefits to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets, farm stands, and grocery stores.
- GusNIP also provides vital economic benefits for retailers and farmers and needed nutritious foods for many low-income Americans. *Read Bread's [nutrition backgrounder](#).*

#### **Cosponsor the *Food Date Labeling Act, H.R.3159 / S.1484*. ([ONE-PAGER](#))**

- This bill would create a federal standard for food date labels, providing labeling consistency and reducing confusion for consumers and producers alike.
- The U.S. wastes enough food to feed more than 150 million people. And every year, U.S. food waste generates greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to 170 million metric tons of carbon dioxide. *Read Bread's [sustainability backgrounder](#).*

#### **Sign the bipartisan *Letter to Strengthen International Food Security Assistance in the Farm Bill (HOUSE)*. (*House letter* [HERE](#))**

- Food for Peace is one of the U.S. government's flagship food assistance programs. In the more than 60 years since it began, the program has reached approximately 4 billion people in 150 countries.
- Every dollar invested in resilience-building programs, like those in Food for Peace, saves \$3 in humanitarian assistance during a subsequent emergency. *Read Bread's [international backgrounder](#).*