

# INVESTING IN RURAL AMERICA

## COMMODITIES

- **Increases statutory reference prices** for all covered commodities and bolsters the effective reference price escalator for the 2025 through 2031 crop years.
- Implements a one-time voluntary opportunity to **add base acres** nationwide.
- Increases marketing assistance loan rates for all loan commodities and **facilitates the movement of U.S. cotton into the global marketplace**.
- Provides an inflation-adjusted payment limitation and **ensures equitable treatment for all farms**, like LLCs.
- Invests in sugar and dairy policy improvements.

## STANDING DISASTER PROGRAMS

- **Expands access** to standing disaster programs and conservation programs.
- **Improves the livestock programs** to be more responsive to drought and predation, expands producer eligibility for the tree assistance program, and increases assistance for honeybees.
- Establishes **eligibility** for producers of farm-raised fish experiencing losses associated with bird depredation.

## CROP INSURANCE

- Provides **more affordable crop insurance** for beginning farmers and ranchers for the first ten years of farming.
- **Increases the coverage level and affordability** of certain crop insurance policies used by row crop and specialty crop producers.
- Invests in efforts to **maintain the accessibility** and affordability of crop insurance nationwide, while investing in additional reviews, compliance, and integrity.
- Develops the **first risk management tool** for poultry growers to protect against extreme weather-related risk.

## ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS

- Increases the budget authority for popular conservation programs by over \$16 billion, representing an approximately 35% increase in these programs' baseline.
- Invests significantly in **trade promotion** of U.S. commodities and agricultural products to **expand access to foreign markets**.
- Bolsters funding for agricultural research to help close the gap with our foreign competitors: increases annual funding for the **Specialty Crop Research Initiative**; restores funding for the **Emergency Citrus Disease Research and Extension Program**; provides sustained investment in our **agricultural research facilities**; and extends funding for the **Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research** and **Scholarships for Students at 1890 Institutions**.
- Enhances annual funding for the **Specialty Crop Block Grant Program** and the **Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program**, as well as extends several other programs for the organic sector.
- Invests in USDA's premier animal health programs—the National Animal Health Laboratory Network, the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program, and the National Animal Vaccine Bank-- that defends against livestock disease outbreaks and **mitigates threats like New World Screwworm and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and African Swine Fever**.

*\*All information above is subject to change based on final Byrd rulings.*