

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

TITLE VII - RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND RELATED MATTERS

The Senate Republican Farm Bill Framework for Title VII positions U.S. agriculture for the future by investing in our land-grant university system and prioritizing research, extension and education that directly benefits production agriculture and food security. This investment helps to close the gap in public spending in agricultural research with our foreign competitors that has widened in recent years.

- Directly responds to U.S.-agriculture's greatest long-term need by doubling farm bill research programs funding.
- Enhances the **Specialty Crop Research Initiative** by increasing permanent, additional funding.
- Answers the calls made by land-grant institutions, colleges of agriculture and beneficiaries of U.S. agricultural research by providing a minimum of \$1 billion for the **Research Facilities Act**.
- Provides mandatory funding for a new **specialty crop mechanization and automation research program**.
- Maintains funding for the **Emergency Citrus Diseases Research and Extension Program**.
- Guarantees permanent continuation of the **1890 Scholarships Program**.
- Provides sustained funding for the **Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research** and establishes oversight and stakeholder engagement directives to guarantee long-term success in agricultural public-private partnership projects.
- Maintains funding for the **Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative**.
- Provides opportunities for new, emerging and previously neglected priorities in agricultural research and extension.
- **Prioritizes research on emerging pests and diseases** impacting **wheat production**, the variety of threats facing the **white oak species**, the development and application of new **aquaculture methods** and provides enhancements for **equine health, safety and disease management**, among other priorities.
- Invests in the next generation of our **agriculture workforce** by expanding opportunities for **workforce training programs**, including those at **junior or community colleges**, to receive grant funding.

