



Comparison of 2008 Farm Bill to Extension of 2002 Farm Bill

	2008 Farm and Food Bill	Extension of Existing Bill
COMMODITY SUBSIDIES	ACRE fundamentally changes how subsidies operate reducing distortions; cutting direct payments; reducing loan deficiency payment rates; and freeing up funding for other priorities	No changes; no improvements
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS: Total Spending increased by \$6.5 billion	Increased funding and program improvements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm and Ranchland Protection Program • Environmental Quality Incentives Program • Conservation Stewardship Program 	No increased funding; no program improvements
	Funding for Wetland Reserve Program and Grassland Reserve Program	Programs expire
	New conservation loan program	No program
	Chesapeake Bay Program to clean up the watershed	No increased funding
	Extending Deduction for Conservation Easements	No deduction
HEALTHY & LOCAL FOODS	Increased funding and program improvements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers Market Promotion Program • Fresh Fruit and Vegetable SNACK Program • Organic Certification Cost Share • Specialty Crop Block Grants • Community Food projects 	No increased funding; no program improvements
	New Healthy Urban Food Enterprise Development program	No program
	Local preference language	Not allowed
RENEWABLE ENERGY: Spending increased by \$1.1 billion	Increased funding and program improvements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased funding for loan guarantees for advanced biofuel plants • Increased funding for Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) • Increased funding for Biomass Research and Development Act for cellulosic ethanol 	No increased funding; no program improvements
Nutrition	Spending increased by \$10.4 billion	No new funding