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Issue/Program and DI Platform	House Bill	Senate Bill	DI Conference Recommendation
Miscellaneous Title		Subtitle B	
<u>FORECLOSURE MORATORIUM</u>			
<p>Moratorium on Foreclosures When Discrimination Claims Have Been Filed – Mandates a moratorium on loan acceleration and foreclosure proceedings when there is a pending or new claim of discrimination against the Department until the Secretary Resolves the claim or if appealed, until the court renders a final decision on the claim. Also waives interest and offsets accrued during moratorium period; farmers who do not prevail are liable upon resolution of the dispute. Requires the USDA Inspector General to issue a report on SDFR loan foreclosure proceedings within a year of the legislation's enactment.</p>	No provision	Section 11051	Accept Senate provision.
<u>RESOLUTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS CLAIMS</u>			
<p>Determination on Merits of Pigford Claims – Provides African-American farmers who filed requests under the Pigford v. Glickman lawsuit a court determination on the merits of their cases.</p>	Section 11312 provides a maximum of \$100 million in mandatory funding to settle claims and prohibits the use of the Judgment Fund for this purpose.	Section 5402 routes all cases to the US District Court for the District of Columbia and provides \$100 million in mandatory funding and authorizes the appropriation of such additional sums as are	Maintain the provision and accept the stronger language and additional appropriation in the Senate version. (See also the Credit Title Section)

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		necessary to settle all claims.	
Sense of the Senate Relating to Claims Bought by SDFRs – States that the Secretary should resolve all claims and class actions brought against the USDA by SDFRs based on racial, ethnic, or gender discrimination in an expeditious and just manner, including the Keepseagle (Indian producers, filed 11/24/1999), Garcia (Latino producers filed 10/13/2000), Love (Women producers filed 10/19/2000) class action suits.	No provision	Section 5403	Maintain Senate language and provide Congressional impetus to resolve all claims. (See also in the Credit Title)
<u>2501 OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND RANCHERS</u>	Section 11201	Section 11052/11053	
Reauthorizes funding for the 2501 Outreach and Technical Assistance to improve participation of SDFRs in USDA programs	Section 11201 provides mandatory funding of \$15 million per year mandatory; requires Secretary to make annual report listing recipients of funds, activities undertaken and services provided, and barriers to service identified.	Section 11052 provides the discretionary funding of \$50 million per year.	Maintain House provision for Mandatory Funding and provide mandatory funding of no less than \$20 million per year, and use mandatory or discretionary funds to expand total funding to \$50 million.
Strengthens Program Eligibility Criteria	Section 11201 subsection 1-2 (B)	Section 11052 also requires the Secretary to promulgate regulations on criteria for the review of proposals.	Combine and accept.
Reporting Requirements - Requires an annual report to Congress and the Agriculture Committees.	Section 11201 (E) requires the report to included recipients of funds, activities undertaken, number of producers served and the problems and barriers	Section 11052 (F) requires the report to detail program accomplishments and problems and gaps and services.	Combine and simplify, focused on program achievements and gaps and barriers encountered in services.

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	encountered.		
Authority to Renew Contracts		Sec 11052 provides the Secretary the authority to renew contracts with existing grantees.	Accept Senate language.
Relocation the Office of Outreach/ Coordination of the 2501 Outreach and Technical Assistance Program with the Office of Outreach	Section 11208 requires the Secretary within 18 months to develop a proposal to relocate the Office of Outreach. Section 11208 also assigns to the Office of Outreach the administration of the 2501 program and the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program as well as the coordination of Outreach activities among the various agencies of the department.	Section 11052 requires the Secretary, in consultation with eligible entities, to join the 2501 Program and the Office of Outreach and find a permanent location within 18 months.	Maintain and combine the provisions, retaining the relocation language, the programmatic outreach coordination language and the responsibility to administer the 2501 program. Note: <i>The issue of where to locate the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development program is being discussed with the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and we expect to make a joint proposal to the conference committee.</i>
Expanded USDA Contracting Authority provides authority for additional USDA agencies to enter into contracts with community-based organizations	Section 11201 (D)	Section 11053 also allows grants to be made with no matching funds requirement and allows USDA agencies to contribute funds to participate in grants made under the subsection.	Accept with the additional Senate provision on interagency funding.
<u>IMPROVED PROGRAM DELIVERY ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS</u>			
USDA Offices on Indian Reservations – Strikes requirement that tribe shall be required to necessary provide office space if it wishes to participate in the program to provide USDA staff in consolidated sub offices on reservations.	Section 11202 also removes a requirement to demonstrate a need for service.	Section 11054	Maintain the language in both bills and accept the additional House provision-removing requirement to demonstrate a need for service.

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<p>Extension Indian Reservation Program (see also Research Title)</p>	<p>Language in the Research Title calls for the Secretary to do a needs analysis on 85 Extension Indian Reservation projects.</p>	<p>Language in the Research Title calls for the Secretary to do a needs analysis on 85 Extension Indian Reservation projects.</p>	<p>Retain language in both bills to complete needs assessment. Funding for this important program remains vastly insufficient; continue to seek mandatory funding of at least \$8 million to extend the program to serve a minimum of 85 tribes.</p>
<p><u>IMPROVED TRANSPARENCY/ACCOUNTABILITY/TRACKING AND COMPLIANCE</u></p>			
<p>Improved Data Requirements for Monitoring SDFR Participation in USDA Programs – Requires the Secretary to compile annual application and participation rate data for each county and state in the United States, organized by race, gender, and ethnicity and provides authority to USDA agencies to collect the data necessary to comply.</p>	<p>Section 11203 also requires that the report shall be maintained and be made readily available to the public.</p>	<p>Section 11056</p>	<p>Maintain the language in both bills and include the House provision that requires the report to be made public.</p>
<p>Receipt for Service – Provides for the issuance of receipt to a farmer or rancher requesting assistance, including time, date and place of request, actions taken, applications made, or service denied</p>	<p>Section 11205 requires the department to issue a receipt for service or denial of service.</p>	<p>Section 11057 requires the issuance of the receipt only upon request and only for FSA and NRCS programs.</p>	<p>Accept House language.</p>
<p>Accurate Documentation of SDFRs by NASS and ERS – Requires that the Census of Agriculture and studies by the Economic Research Service to accurately document the number, location, and economic contributions of SDFRs</p>	<p>Section 11206 also requires the same with regard to limited resource farmers.</p>	<p>Section 11055</p>	<p>Retain the Language in both bills. Add report language that NASS set aside funds to accomplish this goal.</p>
<p>Civil Rights Oversight and Compliance –</p>	<p>No provision</p>	<p>Section 11064</p>	<p>Maintain Senate provision.</p>

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Requires the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights to use the reports in Section 11056 to conduct oversight and evaluation of civil rights compliance.			
Reports of Civil Rights Complaints, Resolutions and Actions – Requires the Secretary to issue an annual public report on program and employment civil rights complaints by agency, the number of findings of discrimination and the number and type of personnel actions taken following resolution of complaints.	No provision	Section 11065	Maintain Senate provision.
<u>INCLUSION OF FARMWORKERS</u>			
Farmworker Coordinator – Establishes within USDA the position of Farmworker Coordinator to ensure access to services and support for low-income migrant and seasonal farmworkers, details responsibilities and authorizes funding for this position.	Section 11207 also specifies that the position be located within the Office of Outreach.	Section 11059	Combine and maintain language in both bills and assure the coordinator is located in an office responsible for coordination across agencies with programmatic functions.
Emergency Grants to Assist Low-Income Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers – Assigns responsibility for the emergency grants to farmworkers program to the farmworker coordinator.	Section 11207 assigned responsibility for the program to the Farmworker coordinator	Section 11061 also clarifies eligibility for the program, and establishes standing fund of \$2 million in discretionary funding to provide grants to public agencies or CBOs to provide short-term emergency assistance during natural disasters.	Maintain the language in both bills and accept the additional Senate language to improve the program and establish the standing disaster program.
<u>DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION OF SERVICES</u>			

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<p>Office of Small Farms and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers – Provides authority for an office to ensure coordination across all agencies of the USDA to improve program delivery to and enumeration of small, limited resource, beginning, and socially disadvantaged farmers</p>	<p>No provision</p>	<p>Section 11088</p>	<p>Accept Senate Language with technical correction clarifying inclusion of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in each function where small and beginning farmers and ranchers are mentioned.</p> <p>This provision provides important authority to the Secretary to respond to the findings of the recent GAO report on the USDA beginning farm program which underscores the need for cross departmental policy and coordination to successfully implement policies on beginning farmers and suggests the need for similar coordination related to small and especially socially disadvantaged producers.</p> <p>Provision would also provide similar authority for concerted USDA policy and coordination of new provisions that related to both socially disadvantaged and beginning producers.</p>
<p>Minority Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee – Establishes advisory committee on minority farmers in USDA Office of Outreach that can also review complaints.</p>	<p>Section 11209</p>	<p>No provision</p>	<p>Should be in addition to and not instead of provisions related to foreclosures, compliances, outreach and small farms.</p>
<p><u>ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS</u></p>			
<p>Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program – Funds a beginning farmer and rancher development program authorized in the last farm bill.</p>	<p>Sec. 11204 provides \$15 million a year mandatory funding includes a 25% set aside for SDFRs</p>	<p>Section 7305A authorizes with discretionary funding at \$30million annually and includes a 25% set aside for SDFRs</p>	<p>Combine House \$15 million annual mandatory funding; <i>develop a common position in consultation with the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition regarding location.</i></p>
<p>Risk Management Education for Beginning Farmers and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers – Reduces funding for risk management strategies, education,</p>	<p>Section 11007</p>	<p>Section 1922 would exempt certain programs including the very important Risk Management Outreach Program from the cuts.</p>	<p>Maintain the Senate language the exempts RMA Outreach programs from the cuts is a DI priority; <i>DI is in consultation with the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition on other critical programs within this section.</i></p>

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and outreach to immigrant, socially disadvantaged, and transitioning farmers by \$20 million.			
Grants to Improve Agricultural Labor Force – Directs Secretary to make grants to assist agricultural employers and farmworkers with services including job training, short-term housing, ESL training, and health and safety instruction	No provision	Section 11066	Under review.
Conservation Title			
Improved Access to Conservation Programs for SDFRs and BFRs	Section 2105 establishes in EQIP a 5% set aside for both SDFRs and BFRs. Establishes global cost share rate across all conservation programs of 90% for SDFRs.	Section 2403 sets aside 10% of all conservation funds available in each fiscal year to be used to assist beginning and socially disadvantaged producers. To be eligible, however, producers must derive or expect to derive at least \$15,000 in gross sales from agriculture.	Accept Senate language for a set aside across the conservation title for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and a Beginning Farmers, and increase the set-aside to a total of 20%, evenly divided between the two groups. The definition of socially disadvantaged producers should be included directly to apply across the title without reference to previous language. The \$15,000 sales threshold language should apply only to beginning farmers.
EQIP Eligibility Requirement	No restriction	Section 2353 adds an eligibility requirement that requirement the farmer or rancher derives or expects to derive \$15,000 in gross sales from farming, ranching or forestry.	This requirement would exclude most socially disadvantaged and many beginning, and other small producers from EQIP. Eliminate the sales threshold language.
Recognition of Indian Tribes as Partners for Water Enhancement Program/Wetlands Reserve Program	Section 2106	Section 2321 stipulates a 30-year time period for contracts.	Accept the Senate language

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<p>Simplification of Conservation Program Application Processes Minimizes complexity and redundancy in application process to encourage the participation of first time applicants</p>	Section 2405	Section 2405	Maintain language
<p>EQIP Cost Share and Advance Payment – Increase cost share for rate for SDFRs and BFR.</p>	Section 2105 provides 90% cost share rate for SDFRs and BFRs,	Section 2325 provides a prevailing rate cost share 15% above state levels for SDFRs and BFRs, up to 90%. Allows advance payments up to 30% for BFRs and SDFRs.	Maintain House version of the cost share language and the Senate advance payment provision.
<p>Preservation of Socially Disadvantaged Owned Land in Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program</p>	FRPP does not include SDFR land ownership as a specific allowed criteria	FRPP included in 10% conservation program set-aside for SDFR/BFR FRPP does not have has SDFR land ownership as a specific allowed criteria	Maintain Senate language with regard to set-asides across the conservation title for SDFR/BFR in conservation and seek to add criteria to allow preservation of land owned by socially disadvantaged producers as a program criterion.
<p>Credit Title</p>			
<p>Determination on Merits of Pigford Claims – Provides farmers who filed requests under the Pigford v. Glickman lawsuit a court determination on the merits of their cases</p>	Section 11312 provides a maximum of \$100 million in mandatory funding to settle claims and prohibits the use of the Judgment Fund for this purpose.	Section 5402 routes all cases to the US District Court for the District of Columbia and provides \$100 million in mandatory funding and authorizes the appropriation of such additional sums as are necessary to settle all claims.	Maintain the provision and accept the stronger language and additional appropriation in the Senate version. (See also Miscellaneous Title Section)
<p>Sense of the Senate Resolution Relating to Claims Bought by SDFRs – States that the Secretary should resolve all claims and class actions</p>	No provision	Section 5403	Maintain Senate language and provide Congressional impetus to resolve all claims.

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brought against the USDA by SDFRs based on racial, ethnic, or gender discrimination in an expeditious and just manner			
Inclusion of SDFRs and BFRs as a Priority Group for the Conservation Loan Guarantee Program	Section 5001	Section 5003	Maintain language in both bills.
Modifications to Down Payment Loan Program – Includes SDFRs as eligible entities, increases the maximum allowable sales price from \$250,000 to \$500,000, reduces borrower down payment requirement to not less than 5%, increases FSA portion to 45%, changes term of loan from 15 to 20 years.	Section 5003 also fixes the interest rate at 4% below the regular direct farm ownership loan interest rates or 1%, whichever is greater.	Section 5005 also fixes the interest rate at 4% below the regular direct farm ownership loan interest rates or 2%, whichever is greater.	Maintain the language in both bills, with the 1 % minimum in the House bill.
Beginning Farm and Rancher Contract Land Sales – Provides loan guarantees to sellers who self-finance the sale of land to beginning farmers and ranchers, extends the current 2-year limit on payment guarantees to 3 years, provides land sellers the option of choosing either the 3-year guarantee or a standard 90% guarantee	Section 5004 also makes SDFRs eligible for the program	Section 5006 does not include SDFRs	Maintain language with Socially Disadvantaged Farmer eligibility in House bill.
Socially Disadvantaged Producer Inventory Sales Preferences - Restores priority to SDFRs in the first 135 days the Secretary is able to sell or lease inventory property	Section 5021 restores first priority to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.	Section 5202 provides Socially disadvantaged farmers with equal priority to beginning farmers and ranchers.	Maintain House language restoring first priority to Socially Disadvantaged producers, followed by beginning farmers and ranchers.
Loans to Purchasers of Highly Fractioned Lands – Gives the	Section 5005	Section 5401	Maintain the language in both bills.

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Secretary discretionary authority to make and insure loans to individual Native American Indian farmers or ranchers to keep tribal lands in agricultural production			
Conservation Reserve Program Transition Incentives- Helps facilitate the transition of land under CRP contract to BFRs and SDFRs	Section 2101 also allows the BFR or SDFR to make conservation and land improvements and begin the organic certification process beginning one year before the termination of the CRP contract	No provision	Maintain House language.
Extension of the Right of First Refusal – Extends eligibility to members of the immediate family members of borrow-owners who are SDFRs	Section 5024	No provision	Maintain House provision.
Forestry Title			
Collaboration between Indian Tribes and Forest Service – Includes tribes as direct participants and allowable recipients of grants in the Forest Legacy Program	No provision	Section 8111	Maintain Senate language.
Forestry and Resource Management Assistance for Indian Tribes – Authorizes the Secretary to provide financial, technical, educational, and related assistance to Indian tribes for consultation and coordination with the Forest Service	No provision	Section 8112	Maintain Senate language.

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<p>Cultural and Heritage Cooperation Authority For Indian Tribes – Allows the Secretary to implement procedures to ensure cultural and heritage cooperation authority for Indian tribes</p>	<p>No provision</p>	<p>Sections 8121-8127 authorize the reburial of human remains and cultural items on National Forest System land; prevent unauthorized disclosure of information regarding burial sites; authorize the Secretary to allow access to National Forest System land by Indians for traditional and cultural purposes; authorize the Secretary to protect the confidentiality of culturally sensitive information</p>	<p>Maintain Senate language.</p>
<p>Forestry Career Opportunities for SDFRs –Establishes a competitive grant program for Hispanic-serving institutions to establish an undergraduate scholarship program for Hispanics and other underrepresented groups pursuing careers in forestry and related fields.</p>	<p>Section 8201</p>	<p>No provision</p>	<p>Maintain the House language.</p>
<p>Research Title</p>			
<p>Extension Indian Reservation Program (see also Research Title)</p>	<p>Language in the Research Title calls for the Secretary to do a needs analysis on 85 Extension Indian Reservation projects.</p>	<p>Language in the Research Title calls for the Secretary to do a needs analysis on 85 Extension Indian Reservation projects.</p>	<p>Retain language in both bills to complete needs assessment. Funding for this important program remains vastly insufficient; continue to seek mandatory funding of at least \$8 million to extend the program to serve a minimum of 85 tribes.</p>
<p>Grants to Upgrade Agricultural and Food Sciences Facilities at Tuskegee and 1890 Land-Grant Colleges – Reauthorizes appropriations</p>	<p>Section 7218</p>	<p>Section 7019</p>	<p>Maintain language and funding.</p>

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through 2012			
Grants to 1890 Institutions to Expand Extension Capacity – Authorizes grants to expand extension capacity that would affect teaching and research, increases funding from 15 to 20 percent of total funds.	Sections 7605 and 7215	Sections 7005 and 7017	Maintain language and funding.
Matching Funds Requirement for 1890 Research and Extension Activities – Requires states to provide matching funds for agricultural research, extension, and education activities, increases research funding from 25 to 30 percent of total funds	Sections 7220 and 7216	Sections 7022 and 7018	Maintain language and funding.
Competitive Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions– Authorizes appropriations to make competitive grants to Hispanic-serving institutions to promote and strengthen their ability to carry out education, applied research, and related community development programs.	Section 7221 reauthorizes appropriations at the existing level.	Section 7023 reauthorizes the existing provision and increases funding from \$20 to \$40 million.	Maintain language and increase funding.
Endowment Fund for Hispanic-Serving Institutions – Authorizes the establishment of an endowment fund to provide funds to Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges and universities at a rate of \$80,000 times the number of Hispanic-serving institutions for each fiscal year.	Section 7222	Section 7023	Maintain language and funding.
International Agricultural Research, Extension, and	Section 7224	Section 7026	Maintain language and funding.

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<p>Education – Expands eligibility for this USDA program to Hispanic-serving colleges and universities, as well as providing priority for institutions that having existing agreements and establishing a fellowship for students to study at foreign agricultural colleges and universities</p>			
<p>Equity for the University of the District of Columbia – Authorizes UDC to participate in grants and fellowships for agricultural sciences education.</p>	Section 7205	Section 7004	Maintain language and funding.
<p>Equity for the University of the District of Columbia – Authorizes UDC to receive formula funds for agricultural extension.</p>	No provision	Section 7313	Maintain language and funding.
<p>Grants to Upgrade UDC Facilities Authorizes \$750,000 for grants for USDC to acquire, alter, or repair facilities necessary for conducting agricultural research for each fiscal year 2008 through 2012.</p>	Section 7217	Section 7020	Maintain language and funding.
<p>Equity for 1994 Land Grant Institutions – Reauthorizes appropriations for the endowment of 1994 land grant colleges, for capital improvements, and for research grants to conduct agricultural research that addresses high priority concerns of tribal, regional, or national significance.</p>	Section 7502	Section 7302 also adds Iilisagvik College to the list of 1994 institutions.	Maintain language and funding.

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Rural Development Title			
<p>Rural Cooperative Development Grants – Provides the Secretary the authority to make grants to nonprofit institutions for establishing and operating centers for rural cooperative development, including multi-year grants for centers with a proven track record of success. Stipulates that in years when more than \$7.5 million is appropriated, 20% of funds must go toward serving SDFRs.</p>	Section 6009	Section 6015	Maintain language.
<p>Value-Added Market Development Grant Program</p>	Section 6027 Provides \$30 million per year in mandatory funding and sets aside 10% of program funds for SDFRs and BFRs	Section 6401 Authorizes discretionary funding and specifies that the Secretary shall give priority to BFRs, SDFRs, operators of small- and medium-sized farms and ranchers that are not larger than family farms, and new ventures that do not have well-established markets or product development staffs or budgets.	Maintain mandatory funding in the House Bill. Accept House language for a set aside for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and a Beginning Farmers, and increase the set-aside to a total of 20%, evenly divided between the two groups
<p>RUS Loans to Substantially Underserved Trust Areas- Improves utility service on trust areas.</p>	No provision	Section 6112 Creates initiative to identify and improve the availability and quality of utility services in communities in substantially underserved trust areas.	Accept Senate language. Remove “ <i>may</i> implement initiative” and replace with “ <i>shall</i> implement initiative”.
<p>Specialty Crops</p>			<p>Specialty Crop Provisions included for reference; the DI supports stronger efforts to assure that socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who comprise at</p>

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			least 12% of specialty crop producers have real access to the specialty crop block grants and purchases and real ability to supply culturally appropriate food to the populations served by the nutrition provisions related to specialty crops.
Specialty Crops Research Initiative – Authorizes \$16 million in mandatory funds per year for the Agricultural Research Service and extramural competitive grants to conduct research on plant breeding, genetics, and genomics, invasive species, mechanization, and food safety.	No provision	Section 7211	
Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops	Section 3007 Provides mandatory funding for technical assistance in the amounts of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$6.8 million for fiscal years 2008 ○ \$6 million for fiscal year 2009 ○ \$8 million for fiscal year 2010 ○ \$10 million for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2012 	Section 1832 Provides mandatory funding for technical assistance in the amounts of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$6.8 million for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 ○ \$2 million for fiscal year 2012 	
Specialty Crop Block Grants Funding	Section 10102 Provides mandatory funding for block grants to states in the amounts of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$40 million in fiscal year 2008 ○ \$45 million in fiscal year 2009 ○ \$50 million in fiscal 	Section 1841 Provides mandatory funding for block grants to states in the amounts of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$60 million for fiscal year 2008 • \$65 million for fiscal year 2009 • \$70 million for fiscal 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ year 2010 ○ \$55 million in fiscal year 2011 ○ \$75 million in fiscal year 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • year 2010 • \$75 million for fiscal year 2011 • \$0 for fiscal year 2012 	
<p>Specialty Crop Block Grants – Inclusion of Socially Disadvantaged and Beginning Farmer Expertise in development of state plans for distribution block grant funds</p>	No provision	Section 1841 stipulates that to the maximum extent practicable and appropriate, each state plan for distributing the funds shall be developed taking into consideration the opinions and expertise of BFRs and SDFRs who produce specialty crops. Allows the Secretary to relocate to other states amounts made available that are not obligated or expended by a date determined by the Secretary.	Maintaining and strengthening the Senate language is a top Diversity Initiative Priority.
<p>Minimum Purchases of Fruits, Vegetables, and Nuts Through Section 32 – Stipulates that the Secretary shall purchase fruits, vegetables, and nuts to provide nutritious foods for use in domestic nutrition assistance programs. The Secretary may consider purchasing value-added products containing fruits, vegetables, or nuts while taking into consideration demand and producer interests.</p>	<p>Section 10103 Authorizes the Secretary to make purchases using the funds available under Section 32 in the following amounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$190 million in fiscal year 2008 • \$193 million in fiscal year 2009 • \$199 million in fiscal year 2010 • \$203 million in fiscal year 2011 • \$206 million in fiscal year 2012 and each fiscal year thereafter 	<p>Section 4907 Authorizes the Secretary to make purchases using the funds made available in the following amounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$390 million for fiscal year 2008 • \$393 million for fiscal year 2009 • \$399 million for fiscal year 2010 • \$403 million for fiscal year 2011 • \$406 million for fiscal year 2012 and each fiscal year thereafter 	

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<p>Inclusion of Specialty Crops in the Census of Agriculture – Includes specialty crops in the Census of Agriculture</p>	<p>Section 1017</p>	<p>Section 1814 Establishes that the Secretary shall conduct a census of specialty crops, beginning no later than September 30, 2008 and continuing every 5 years thereafter. This may be accomplished by including specialty crops in the Census of Agriculture.</p>	<p>Add language requiring this census to include data on race, gender and ethnicity of specialty crop producers.</p>
<p>National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program – Defrays costs of producers and handlers seeking organic certification</p>	<p>Section 10301 Increases the cost share program to \$22 million for fiscal year 2008.</p>	<p>Section 1823 Authorizes \$22 million to remain available until expended. Stipulates that the Secretary shall make payments to states to assist producers and handlers in obtaining organic certification, but that the Secretary shall pay not more than 75% of costs incurred. The maximum amount a producer or handler shall receive is \$750. Also requires the Secretary to keep records of request and disbursements from the program and report annually to Congress the number of producers and handlers served.</p>	
<p>Grant Program to Improve Movement of Specialty Crops – Authorizes discretionary funding for grants to improve cost-effective movement of specialty crops to</p>	<p>Section 10402</p>	<p>Section 1842</p>	

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markets; requires grantee provide at least 100% match of non-federal funds			
Specialty Crops Market News Activities – Authorizes \$9 million in discretionary funding for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to support market news activities regarding specialty crops.	Section 10403	Section 1811	
Farmers Market Promotion Program – Provides competitive grants to improve and expand farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, and other direct marketing opportunities	Section 10404 Allocates \$5 million in mandatory funding for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2010 and \$10 million in each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012. Requires that not less than 10% of funds in each fiscal year be used to support the use of electronic benefits transfers at farmers markets.	Section 1812 Allocates \$5 million in mandatory funding in each of fiscal years 2008 through 2011 and \$10 million for fiscal year 2012.	
Geographical Preference/Local Procurement – Clarifies that the Secretary shall encourage institutions receiving funds under the National School Lunch Act and Child Nutrition Act to purchase locally produced foods to the maximum extent possible, including the use of geographic preference for the procurement of locally produced foods.	Section 4304	Sec. 4902	
Nutrition Title			

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<p>FDPIR – Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation</p>	<p>Section 4004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explicitly confirms tribes as eligible to manage food distribution program ○ Creates traditional and local foods fund to purchase such foods for inclusion into food package. ○ Mandates a review of the nutritional value of the FDPIR food package 	<p>Section 4501</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explicitly confirms tribes as eligible to manage food distribution program ○ Creates traditional and local foods fund to purchase such foods for inclusion into food package. ○ Mandates a review of the nutritional value of the FDPIR food package ○ Allows the purchase of bison meat for food package. 	<p>Accept House foods fund language and include bison meat provision.</p>
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