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Senate Farm Bill Passes on a Strong, Bipartisan Vote

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“Feeding Wisconsin and our network of six regional Feeding America food banks join with many food, farm, and anti-hunger advocates in Wisconsin and across the nation to applaud the Senate’s bipartisan passage of their Farm Bill. The Senate Farm Bill presents a forward-looking vision to fight hunger, improve health and strengthen our rural communities.

“In contrast to the House Farm Bill, which would cut access to at least 150 million meals for Wisconsin families at-risk of hunger, the Senate Farm Bill makes responsible, common-sense investments in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), our nation’s signature anti-hunger program to improve its integrity, accountability and workforce development features without risking access to basic nutrition assistance for vulnerable Americans.

“In addition, the Senate Farm Bill invests in fighting hunger and improving health with two innovative national pilots aimed at getting fresh and healthy food to people with low-incomes dealing with diet related diseases.

“This is important because in Wisconsin, over 1/3 of people utilizing food pantries in our state report living in a household with someone with diabetes and over 50% report a living with someone with heart disease. Increasing a person's fruit and vegetable intake can lower blood pressure as well as lower the risk of type 2 diabetes by up to 19 percent and lower heart attack and stroke by up to 20 percent. This ultimately reduces healthcare costs but more importantly, improves a person’s health so that they can more fully meet the challenge of building a better life.

“The Senate bill is the right approach: it fights hunger, improves health, and strengthens our rural communities.”

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Feeding Wisconsin is the statewide association of the six regional Feeding America food banks that provide emergency food, technical assistance, and other resources to a network of over 1,000 local food pantries in every county of the state. The Feeding Wisconsin network of food banks and food pantries provides over 55 million meals every year to nearly 600,000 Wisconsinites. Together, we are leading the way Forward toward a healthy and hunger free Wisconsin. For more information about how Feeding Wisconsin helps its food banks, partners and stakeholders fight hunger, improve health and strengthen communities, visit www.FeedingWI.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Pinterest](#).