

NASF Policy Update
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The 2014 Farm Bill expired on September 30, leaving funding for 39 federal farm programs unauthorized. The House and Senate farm bill conference teams are expected to continue negotiating the final bill following the midterm elections.

According to staff, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the Conservation Title remain the two areas where reconciliation has been the most challenging, but many are hopeful a new farm bill (instead of an extension) can still pass.

President Trump signed a short-term continuing resolution on September 28 that will fund federal government agencies including the USDA Forest Service until December 7. Negotiations to finalize a fiscal year 2019 funding bill are expected to pick up again after the upcoming midterm elections.