



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

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## **Call to Action:** **Congress Must Act Now to Provide Essential Economic Aid**

Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) joins the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) and our fellow state Farm Bureaus, along with 56 national and state commodity organizations in calling on Congress to take immediate action on essential economic aid for farmers. We encourage all our members to contact their representatives and both their senators to ask them to act swiftly in providing agricultural economic assistance.

The United States continues to be in an agricultural trade deficit. Labor and input costs remain high. Commodity prices remain low for much of the country. This perfect storm has led to an increase in farm bankruptcies across America. While the Administration works to secure new trade agreements, lower labor costs, and investigate the cause of high input costs, much of this relief will take time to be realized on the farm. Congress delivered numerous wins for agriculture in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act last July, but the effects of those wins will not be seen until much later this year. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) recently issued aid was a great initial step, but it leaves out many commodities and does not account for the cumulative losses farmers have suffered in recent years, which currently total almost \$100 billion.

We urge our KFB members to join AFBF's letter to Congress and to also call or email Senators McConnell and Paul, as well as your representative, and ask them to take swift action in providing essential agricultural aid.

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To join AFBF's letter to Congress, click [here](#).

To contact your senators and representatives, click [here](#) to find their offices' contact information.

To view the commodity organization letter sent to Congressional leadership by AFBF and the accompanying press release, click [here](#).

For additional information on USDA's assistance program announced in December, click [here](#) to read the USDA's press release.