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AFBF Sends Letters to the President and Congressional Leadership Urging Action to Address the Farm Economy

On October 10, the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) sent letters to President Trump and Congressional leadership urging them to take action to address the struggling farm economy. The letters, which are substantially similar, emphasize the need for short-term economic assistance before the end of 2025. The letters also outline ways in which the agriculture community, the President, and Congress can all work together to ensure the long-term success of American agriculture. While noting the need for emergency aid, AFBF emphasized a renewed push on several key priorities, including: fair trade agreements; support for biofuels; including whole milk in school lunch programs as well as prioritizing American-grown fruits and vegetables in federal purchasing programs; protecting interstate commerce; and investigating prices for key agricultural inputs.

Kentucky Farm Bureau applauds this move by AFBF. KFB President Eddie Melton said, "It's not news to anyone in agriculture that the farm economy has seen better days. I remember when I would have been thrilled to have \$10 soybeans, but with the current price of inputs, you can't make a profit. I applaud President Duvall and AFBF for the letters they've sent to President Trump and Congressional leadership. No farmer wants a handout from the government, but with the current economic pressures, our members need assistance to make it through to next year. KFB stands ready to work with President Trump and his Administration, Congressional leaders, and AFBF to secure not only short-term assistance, but long-term solutions to ensure profitability for America's farmers."

To read the letter sent to President Trump, click [here](#).

To read the letter sent to Congressional leadership, click [here](#).