



2026 FARM BILL PRIORITIES

The Farm Bill is a lifeline for millions: for families stretching a grocery budget, and for farmers sustaining the nation's food supply and rural economies. It funds the emergency food network that Food Bank distributes to and authorizes SNAP, the nation's most effective program addressing hunger, to help struggling families keep food on the table.

Food Bank For NYC supports a bipartisan Farm Bill that funds food banks and protects food assistance for New York families — ensuring that every neighbor can access food with dignity and that every farmer who feeds our communities can keep doing so.

We ask Congress to act on the following priorities in the next Farm Bill:

ASK 1: INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP) BY \$500M PER YEAR

- This inflation-adjusted funding increase will address the growing need for food assistance while ensuring that farmers have dependable markets. It will also provide food banks with the resources they need to keep their shelves stocked for families experiencing food insecurity.
- Additionally, an increase in discretionary funding in TEFAP's Storage and Distribution (S&D) funding to \$200 million per year will support food banks in their administrative and capacity-building costs.

ASK 2: DELAY THE SNAP COST SHIFT BY TWO YEARS FOR ALL STATES

- This delay could improve accuracy, avoid tax increases or deep budget cuts, and protect benefit assistance for those who need it most. A two-year delay is the responsible path forward and will help ensure New York families can continue receiving reliable grocery report.

WHY THE FARM BILL MATTERS



Food assistance **demand has surged 80%** as grocery prices remain near historic highs, and federal funding for food banks is declining, resulting in **roughly 270 million fewer meals** for people facing hunger across the country.



Without a delay, New York could be forced to cover \$1.2 billion in new SNAP costs, putting vital programs and benefits at risk.



These programs do more than feed families. Every dollar in SNAP generates up to \$1.54 in economic activity, supporting local farmers, grocers, and jobs in communities across New York.