



The 2023 Farm Bill: 101

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The Farm Bill: What is it?

Comprehensive piece of federal legislation

Authorizes most federal policies governing
food & agriculture programs

Reauthorized approximately every five years

2023 will be the 19th farm bill



Key Policy Areas in the Farm Bill



Farm commodity supports



Conservation programs



Agricultural trade



Nutrition assistance



Farm loans and credit



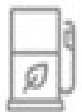
Rural economic development



Research and extension programs



Forestry stewardship



Energy and biofuels



Local foods, organics, and fruits and vegetables



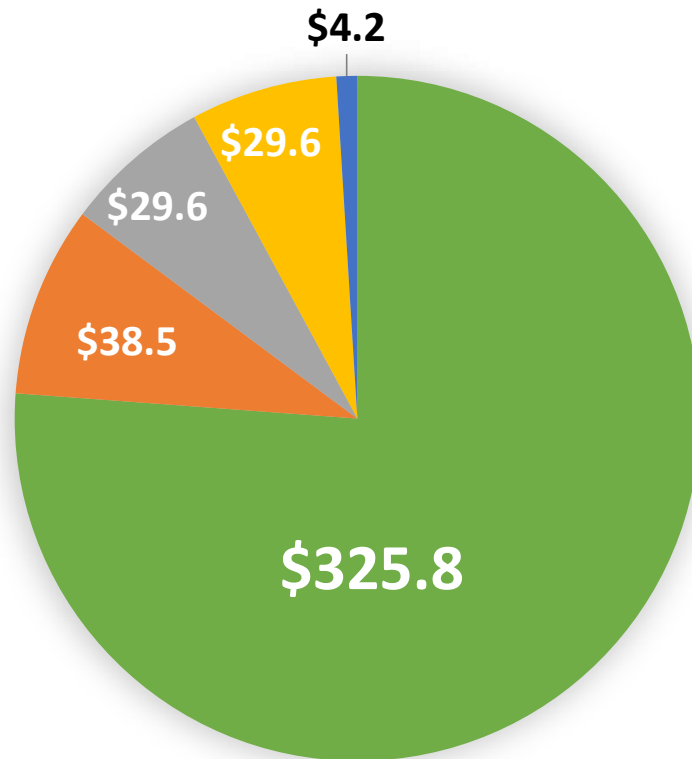
Crop insurance supports



Socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers



FARM BILL PROJECTED FUNDING, IN BILLIONS 2019-2023



- Nutrition, 76%
- Crop Insurance, 9%
- Commodities, 7%
- Conservation, 7%
- Other, 1%



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)



Tends to be more
contentious

Facing possible
challenges



The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Mandatory

Required
funding
levels to
purchase
food

Bonus

Section 42,
at discretion
of Sec. of
Agriculture

Administrative

Dollars to
offset
storage &
distribution
costs



Committee Responsibilities



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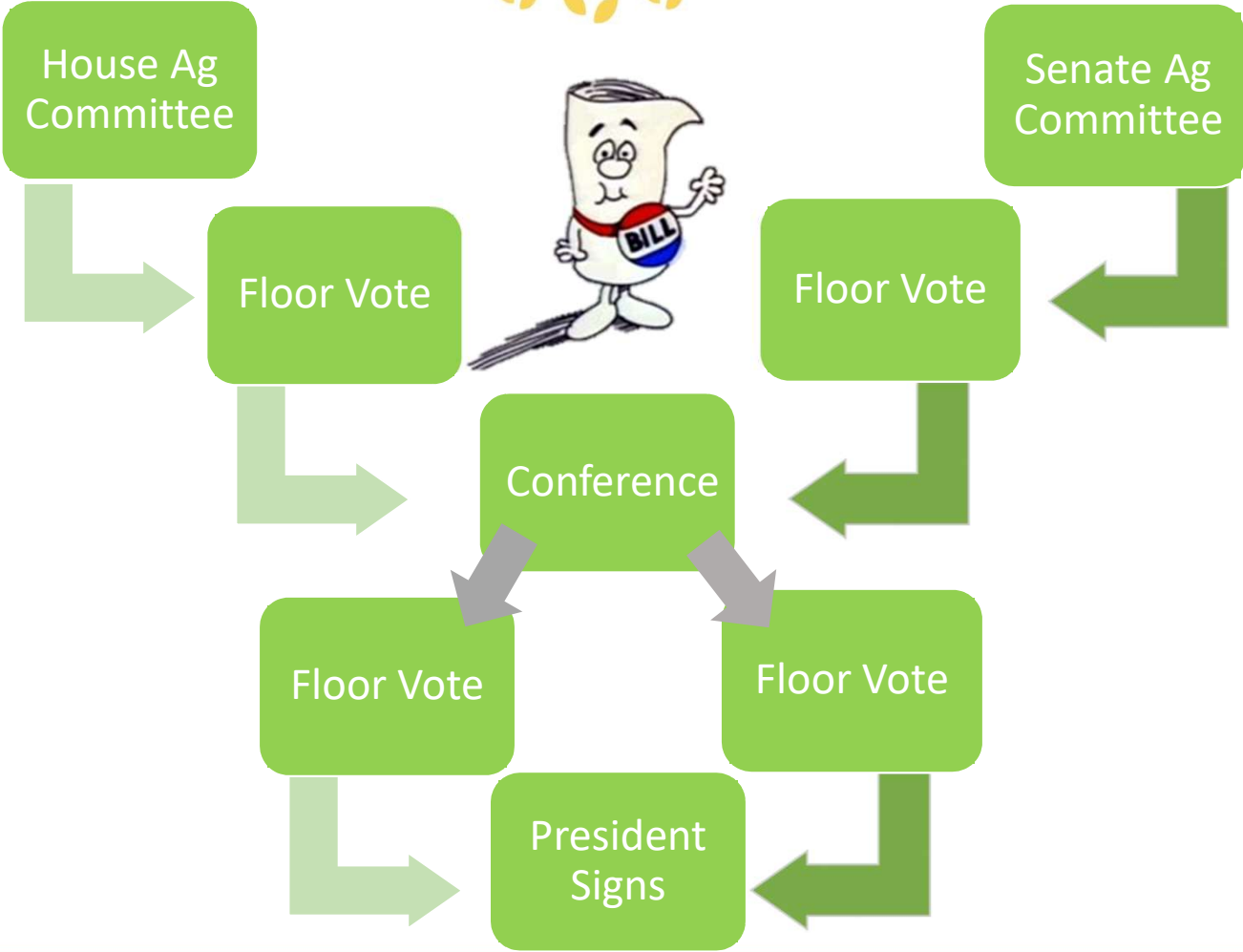
Conduct Hearings

Educate Personal
Office Staff

Write the pieces of
legislation within
their jurisdiction



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AGRICULTURE
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Two Kinds of Farm Bill Funding

Mandatory

- Provides funds as needed and are not subject to annual appropriations decisions by Congress
- Costs vary from year to year, depending on program-participation levels and economic conditions
- Examples include SNAP as well as most commodity and conservation programs

Discretionary

- May be funded up to the maximum level provided by legislation (the “authorization” level) but Congress may change the funding level each year for these programs (the “appropriation” level)
- Once program expenditures reach the level appropriated for that year, no additional funds can be spent unless Congress provides new appropriations



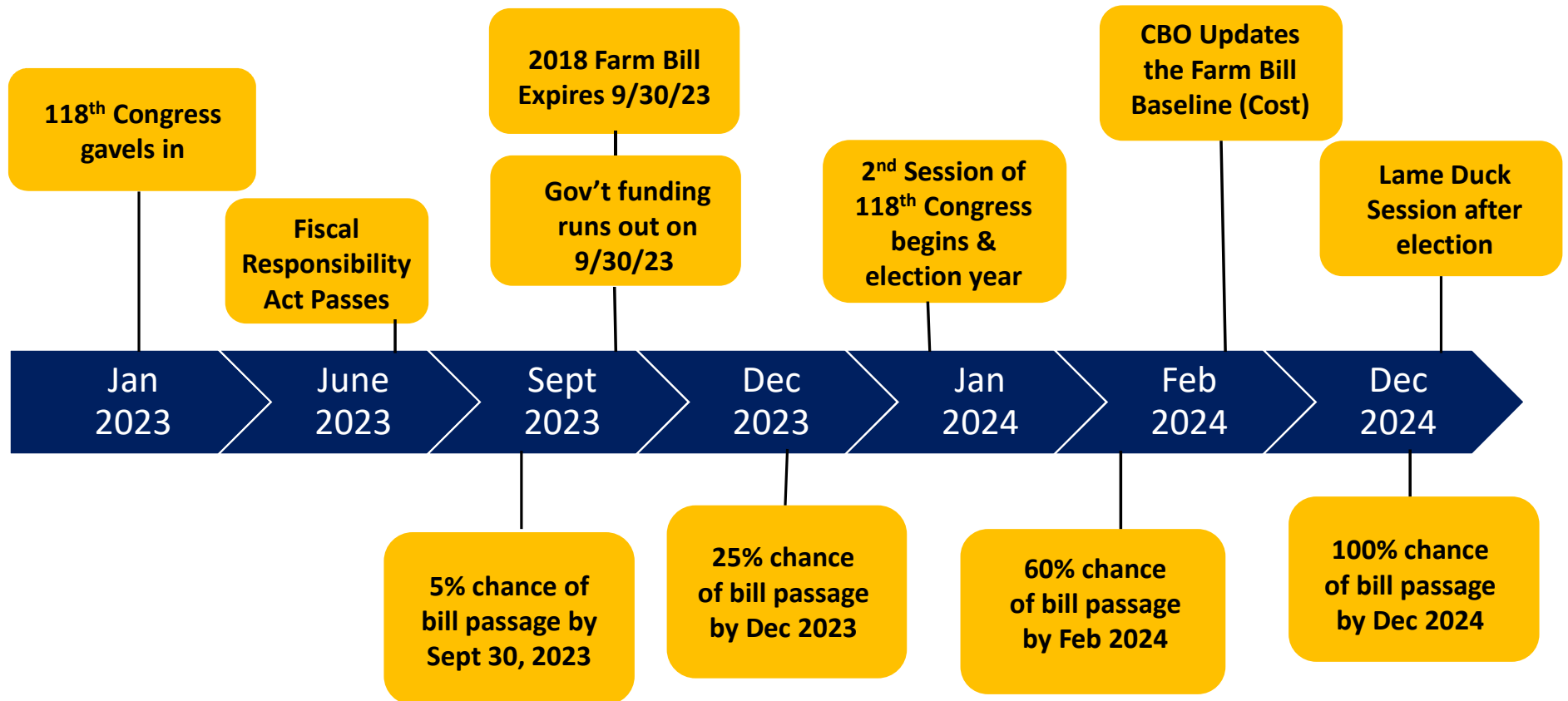
What Happens if a Farm Bill Doesn't Pass?

- SNAP and Crop Insurance are funded via annual mandatory appropriations so they would continue
- All other programs would not continue, including other nutrition programs, ag support, and conservation programs
- Some Ag margin price supports would revert back to very old agriculture policy

Bottom line: Many stakeholders do NOT want the farm bill to fail to be renewed



Farm Bill Timeline & Potential Scenarios





What's Next? Time to Take Action!

August
Recess

House &
Senate Bills

Petition

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