

Subject: It's time for a better Farm Bill

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Take Action

The opportunity to transform federal food and farm policy only comes once every five years. We'll need every voice to achieve what we want: ***farm policy that helps family farmers produce healthy food, builds vibrant communities, and sustains the environment.***

Congress is hard at work crafting the Farm Bill right now, and this is a critical time to make your voice heard. The eleven California members of the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition are working together to make sure the next farm bill serves California's sustainable and organic agriculture community. We've made great progress already.

Join us! We need you to speak up and help us fight for family farmers and ensure the future of sustainable and organic

farmers and ensure the future of sustainable and organic agriculture. ***Call your Congressional representatives today and ask them to defend conservation programs, beginning farmers, and organic programs. Your call is essential!***

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!

Today is a critical point in Farm Bill deliberations in the Senate. Please take a few minutes today to make a call to Senator Feinstein. It's easy and it will make a difference. This is how to take action:

1. Call the Capitol switchboard (202) 224-3121 and ask for Senator Feinstein's office. Ask for the legislative aide who covers agriculture. If the agriculture aide is unavailable, leave a message with your name, phone number, town or city, and the message below. The message is simple:

I am a constituent and I am calling regarding the Farm Bill. I urge Senator Feinstein to support funding for conservation, organic agriculture and beginning farmer programs that help California farmers. We need a Farm Bill that protects our natural resources, makes healthy food widely available, creates jobs and invests in the next generation of farmers.

2. Tell us you called:

Please send an e-mail to info@calclimateag.org to let us know who you contacted.

3. Spread the word:

Share this alert with your friends, family and customers. Ask them to join our campaign for a farm bill that supports health, prosperity, and equity for family farmers and for our nation!

4. Sign on to the citizen's petition for the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition's 2012 Farm Bill policy platform at <http://bit.ly/2012FarmBillSignOn>.

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