

**FARM BILL:**

# Help End Hunger in our Community

The farm bill is federal legislation that governs many nutrition and agriculture programs, and it is up for renewal. This legislation allocates funding for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Together these programs help to bridge the food gap for millions of families and individuals facing hunger across the country.

## Feeding America urges Congress to support and strengthen our nation's nutrition and agriculture programs in the next farm bill to provide more food to those who need it.

### 1 Food Insecurity Affects Millions - Solutions Benefit Everyone

- Every day, parents make sacrifices to feed their children. College students find ways to balance groceries and textbooks. Seniors carefully stretch their meals to make them last.
- Across the country, tens of millions of people navigate these challenges with strength and dignity. These are challenges no one should have to face.
  - Hunger exists in every county, parish and borough in the United States. More than 47 million people, including nearly 14 million children, face hunger in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>
  - More than 50 million people turned to the charitable food sector for help in 2023.<sup>2</sup>
  - In 2022, food prices increased by 9.9%. In 2023, food prices increased by 5.8%.<sup>3</sup>
  - A recent survey found that 87% of likely voters are concerned about high food prices.<sup>4</sup>

### 2 Understand and Expand the Local Impact of TEFAP and SNAP

TEFAP and SNAP work together to help ensure people in our community can put food on the table every day.

In a recent survey, 73% of registered voters have favorable opinions of federal nutrition programs —like SNAP and TEFAP.<sup>5</sup>

**TEFAP** helped the Feeding America network distribute 1.22 billion pounds of food in 2023.<sup>6</sup>



**SNAP** helped more than 42 million people access nutritious foods in 2023.<sup>7</sup>

1 USDA Economic Research Service, [Household Food Security in the United States in 2023](#) (September

2 2024) Feeding America, ["Charitable Food Assistance Participation in 2023"](#) (November 2024)

3 USDA Economic Research Institute, [Food Price Outlook](#) (January 2024)

4, 5 Perry Udem polling conducted for Feeding America (April and June 2025)

6 Feeding America Fiscal Year 2023 estimate

7 USDA Food and Nutrition Service, [SNAP State Level Participation & Benefits](#) (January 2024)

### 3 Renew the Farm Bill with Investments

**Strengthening federal food and nutrition programs helps ensure that no one in our country goes hungry. Here are recommended investments for both TEFAP and SNAP that help provide more food to those who need it.**

#### TEFAP



**Double annual funding for TEFAP food purchases to \$900 million.** This will help ensure food banks can serve everyone who comes through their doors, and it will support the U.S. agricultural economy.



**Boost funding for the TEFAP Farm to Food Bank Program,** which funds state projects to harvest, package and transport food donations from local farmers.



**Support farmers who feed America through programs that get homegrown food to families,** including programs that support dairy donation, and purchases or donations from local growers.



**Increase funding authorization for TEFAP storage and distribution to \$200 million per year,** and continue authorization of \$15 million per year for infrastructure grants.

#### SNAP



**Ensure SNAP's purchasing power aligns with rising grocery prices** and provides adequate support during tough economic times. This will decrease the need for charitable food assistance, helping to reduce the strain on food banks.



**Cut government red tape** for seniors, college students, military families & veterans, working families, and immigrants to access SNAP. Protect freedom of choice in SNAP and focus on ensuring affordable access to nutritious foods.



**Support work and keep SNAP a bridge to opportunity** through effective job training programs that help people get back to work. As people work to get ahead, ensure they have access to SNAP benefits.



**Allow Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories to participate fully in SNAP. Extend sovereignty to Native communities** to administer SNAP and other federal nutrition programs.

*“When you're hit financially, you're just without and there's nothing more scary than when you've got to figure out how to feed your kids.”*

— Jake