

2007 Farm Bill Forum Analysis

Sustainable Agriculture Coalition

Total People that Made Comments: 1847
 Average Number of People per Forum: 45
 Number of Forums analyzed by SAC: 41

Pass the same Farm Bill: 43 comments made
 20 of these comments made in Lubbock, Texas

Topic: Conservation	Number of Comments Made
CRP	89
CRP negative	18
CSP	124
CSP negative	2
EQIP	135
General/Other	371
Total Conservation Comments	739

Topic: Rural Development	Number of Comments Made
Rural Development	514
Total Comments	514

Topic: Value-Added and Ag-based Development	Number of Comments Made
Value-Added Producer Grant	28
Specifically Organic	39
General/Other	50
Total Value Added Comments	78

-General/Other Conservation comments represent comments about other USDA programs (not specific to programs mentioned) and general comments made about conservation.

-Rural Development comments represent comments about rural development grant programs, rural housing, broadband, research and extension, urban vs. rural problems, access to food stamps and health insurance in rural areas, technical assistance, etc.

-General/Other Value-Added comments represent comments about wanting to add value added ventures not specific to USDA's Value-Added Producer Grant Program.

Topic: Beginning Farmer	Number of Comments Made
Beginning Farmer	414
Total Beginning Farmer Comments	414

Topic: Energy	Number of Comments Made
Ethanol/Bio-diesel/Biomass	52
Wind	12
Other Renewable	46
Total Energy Comments	110

-Beginning Farmer comments represent comments about USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher programs as well as problems regarding keeping farmers on land, young producers, future of producers, keeping youth involved, minority and immigrant farmers, impact of Sec. 1031 exchanges, banking and loan issues, etc.

-Other Renewable refers to comments about renewable fuels and sources of renewable energy that did not specify ethanol, bio-diesel, biomass or wind.

4 Governors
 10 Senators
 22 Representatives
 Made appearances at 20 Farm Bill Forums

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