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To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to require a one-time update of base acres for covered commodities to ensure base acres reflect recent planting history, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to require a one-time update of base acres for covered commodities to ensure base acres reflect recent planting history, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Balanced Agricultural
5 Support and Efficiency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY BASE ACRES.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1111 of the Agricultural
3 Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9011) is amended—

4 (1) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
5 following:

6 “(4) BASE ACRES.—The term ‘base acres’, with
7 respect to a covered commodity on a farm, means
8 the number of acres determined for a farm under
9 section 1112.”;

10 (2) by striking paragraph (10); and

11 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (11) through
12 (26) as paragraphs (10) through (25), respectively.

13 (b) BASE ACRES.—Section 1112 of the Agricultural
14 Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9012) is amended—

15 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
16 following:

17 “(a) MANDATORY ONE-TIME UPDATE OF BASE
18 ACRES.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
20 after the date of enactment of the Balanced Agricul-
21 tural Support and Efficiency Act, the Secretary shall
22 update the base acres on a farm, as in effect under
23 this title on the day before the date of enactment of
24 that Act, for the 2025 crop year in accordance with
25 this section.

1 “(2) MANDATORY UPDATE.—For the purpose of
2 applying this title to covered commodities, the Sec-
3 retary shall determine the base acres on a farm by
4 updating all of the base acres for covered commod-
5 ities on the farm among those covered commodities
6 planted on the farm at any time during the 2020
7 through 2024 crop years.

8 “(3) UPDATE FORMULA.—The updated base
9 acres among covered commodities on a farm shall be
10 the proportion that—

11 “(A) the 5-year average of—

12 “(i) the acreage planted on the farm
13 to each covered commodity for harvest,
14 grazing, haying, silage, or other similar
15 purposes for the 2020 through 2024 crop
16 years; and

17 “(ii) any acreage on the farm that the
18 producers were prevented from planting
19 during the 2020 through 2024 crop years
20 to that covered commodity because of
21 drought, flood, or other natural disaster, or
22 other condition beyond the control of the
23 producers, as determined by the Secretary;
24 bears to

25 “(B) the 5-year average of—

1 “(i) the acreage planted on the farm
2 to all covered commodities for harvest,
3 grazing, haying, silage, or other similar
4 purposes for the 2020 through 2024 crop
5 years; and

6 “(ii) any acreage on the farm that the
7 producers were prevented from planting
8 during the 2020 through 2024 crop years
9 to covered commodities because of drought,
10 flood, or other natural disaster, or other
11 condition beyond the control of the pro-
12 ducers, as determined by the Secretary.

13 “(4) INCLUSION OF ALL 5 YEARS IN AVER-
14 AGE.—For the purpose of determining a 5-year acre-
15 age average under paragraph (3) for a farm, the
16 Secretary shall not exclude any crop year in which
17 a covered commodity was not planted.

18 “(5) TREATMENT OF MULTIPLE PLANTING OR
19 PREVENTED PLANTING.—For the purpose of deter-
20 mining under paragraph (3) the acreage on a farm
21 that producers planted or were prevented from
22 planting during the 2020 through 2024 crop years
23 to covered commodities, if the acreage that was
24 planted or prevented from being planted was devoted
25 to another covered commodity in the same crop year

1 (other than a covered commodity produced under an
2 established practice of double cropping), the owner—

3 “(A) may elect the commodity to be used
4 for that crop year in determining the 5-year av-
5 erage; but

6 “(B) may not include both the initial com-
7 modity and the subsequent commodity.”;

8 (2) in subsection (b)(1), in the matter pre-
9 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “Notwith-
10 standing the election” and all that follows through
11 “circumstances occur:” and inserting the following:
12 “Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary shall
13 provide for an adjustment, as appropriate, in the
14 base acres for covered commodities for a farm when-
15 ever any of the following circumstances occur:”;

16 (3) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) by striking “the election made
19 under”;

20 (ii) by striking “, including generic
21 base acres” each place it appears; and

22 (iii) by striking “or generic base
23 acres”; and

24 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “or ge-
25 neric base acres”; and

1 (4) in subsection (d)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “or
3 generic base acres”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), in the matter
5 preceding clause (i), by striking “, including
6 any generic base acres,”.

7 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

8 (1) PAYMENT YIELDS.—Section 1113(c)(1) of
9 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9013(c)(1))
10 is amended by striking “established or that is plant-
11 ed on generic base acres,” and inserting “estab-
12 lished,”.

13 (2) PAYMENT ACRES.—Section 1114 of the Ag-
14 ricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9014) is amend-
15 ed—

16 (A) in subsection (a)—

17 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “sub-
18 section (e)” and inserting “subsection (d)”;
19 and

20 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking
21 “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection
22 (d)”;

23 (B) by striking subsections (b) and (f);
24 and

1 (C) by redesignating subsections (c), (d),
2 and (e) as subsections (b), (c), and (d), respec-
3 tively.

4 (3) PRICE LOSS COVERAGE.—Section 1116(g)
5 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9016(g))
6 is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
7 by striking “(19)” and inserting “(18)”.