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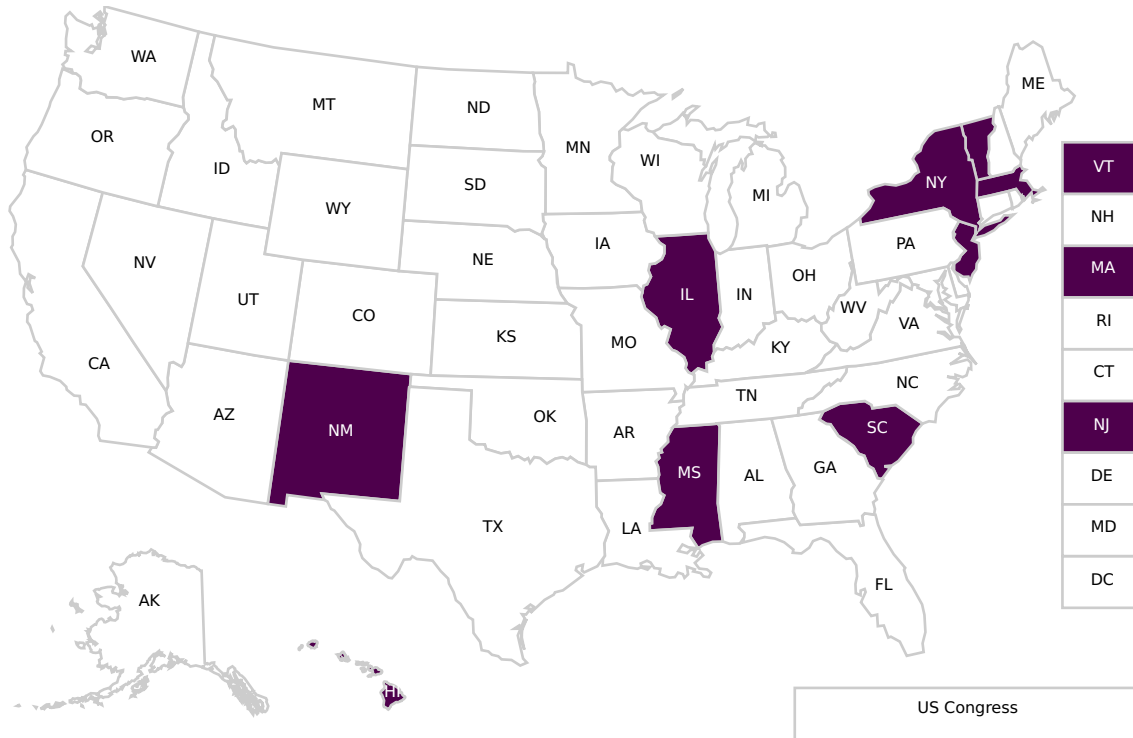
3/29 SiX Agriculture & Food Systems Legislative Update (Farmer Equity & Justice)

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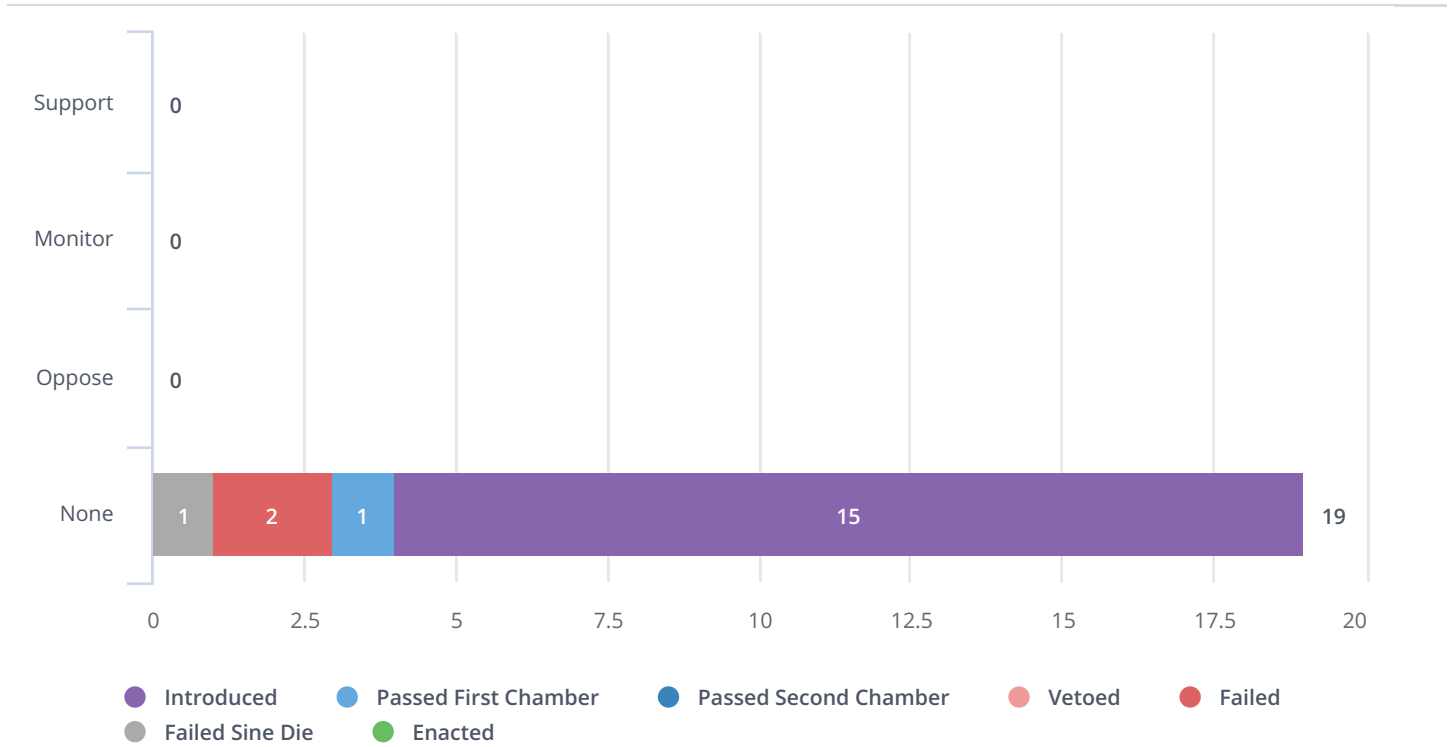
Farmer Equity & Justice

Specific bills related to increasing access and equity for historically marginalized farmers.

Bills by State



Bills by Last Status and Position



Bills by Issue

2021 Farmer Justice (19)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
HI	HCR 61-2021	Report Adopted Referred To The Committee S On Cpc As Amended In Hd 1 With Representative S Okimoto Voting Aye With Reservations None Voting No 0 And Representative S Mcdermott Excused 1 2021 03 23	In House	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 19.5% 77.0% </div>
Title Urging The Department Of Agriculture To Ensure The Inclusion Of Socially Disadvantaged Farmers And Ranchers In The Development, Adoption, Implementation, And Enforcement Of Food And Agriculture Laws, Rules, Policies, And Programs.		Introduction Date: 2021-03-01		
Primary Sponsors Amy Perruso, John Mizuno, Tina Wildberger				

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
HI	HR 50-2021	Report Adopted Referred To The Committee S On Cpc As Amended In Hd 1 With Representative S Okimoto Voting Aye With Reservations None Voting No 0 And Representative S Mcdermott Excused 1 2021 03 23	In House	20.5% 76.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-01

Urging The Department Of Agriculture To Ensure The Inclusion Of Socially Disadvantaged Farmers And Ranchers In The Development, Adoption, Implementation, And Enforcement Of Food And Agriculture Laws, Rules, Policies, And Programs.

Primary Sponsors

Amy Perruso, John Mizuno, Tina Wildberger

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
HI	SB 1416	Referred To Aen Jdc 2021 02 01	In Senate	4.0% 74.7%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-27

Relating To Farmer Equity.

Description

Establishes provisions within the department of agriculture to enhance farmer equity by ensuring inclusion of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in the development, implementation, and enforcement of food and agriculture laws, rule, policies, and programs. Requires an annual report to the legislature.

Primary Sponsors

Laura Acasio, Stanley Chang, Kurt Fevella, Donna Kim

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
IL	HB 873	Placed On Calendar 2nd Reading Short Debate 2021 03 17	In House	6.2% 79.4%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-11

Agriculture-Tech

Description

Amends the Farmer Equity Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

Primary Sponsors

Chris Welch

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
IL	HB 3089	Rule 19 A Re Referred To Rules Committee 2021 03 27	In House	3.1% 83.9%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-18
Local Farm And Food Products

Description

Amends the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act. Provides that it shall be the goal of this State that at least 20% of all food and food products purchased by State agencies and State-owned facilities shall be local farm or food products produced by socially disadvantaged farmers. Provides that the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council shall support and encourage that 10% of food and food products purchased by entities funded in part or in whole by State dollars shall be local farm or food products produced by socially disadvantaged farmers. Provides for a preference in the awarding of State contracts to socially disadvantaged farmers. Requires the Food, Farms, and Jobs Council to assist State agencies, State-owned facilities, and other entities with the purchase of local farm or food products produced by socially disadvantaged farmers and with the tracking and reporting of such purchases in order to meet specified goals. Requires the Council to facilitate and bolster access to more readily available healthy food options in areas considered to be a food desert, including support and expansion of programs utilizing local farm and food products to provide increased food options in such areas. Defines terms. Makes other changes.

Primary Sponsors

Sonya Harper

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
IL	HB 3229	Assigned To Appropriations General Services Committee 2021 03 16	In House	5.5% 81.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-19
\$Agr-Disadvantaged Farmer

Description

Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of making grants to socially-disadvantaged farmers to provide funding for startup capital and for costs associated with farming operations and equipment. Effective July 1, 2021.

Primary Sponsors

Sonya Harper

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
IL	HB 3501	Rule 19 A Re Referred To Rules Committee 2021 03 27	In House	3.6% 82.9%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-19
Black Farmer Restoration Act

Description

Creates the Black Farmer Restoration Program Act. Creates the Black Farmer Restoration Program. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall establish the Black Farmer Restoration Fund to purchase farmland on the open market and grant it to eligible individuals. Establishes requirements and limitations for the Program. Establishes the Farm Conservation Corps to provide training in an on-field environment for socially disadvantaged residents. Establishes the Equity Commission to study to study historical and continuing discrimination by the Department against Black farmers and ranchers that is fostered or perpetuated by the laws, rules, policies, or practices of the Department and to recommend actions to end the systematic disparities in treatment of Black farmers and ranchers, particularly by the Department. Provides for the collection and reporting of specified data regarding the Program and related conditions. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

Primary Sponsors

Sonya Harper

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
IL	HR 46	Recommends Be Adopted Agriculture Conservation Committee 008 000 000 2021 03 22	In House	56.2% 82.2%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-28
Black Farmers-Illinois

Description

Urges the Illinois Department of Agriculture to study to the effects and the types of land loss to Black farmers. Calls for state support and capacity building for Black farming communities across the state and a dedication to helping grow agriculture in rural, urban, and suburban areas. States that Black farmers can play a leading role in our local healthy food system and create regional networks of jobs, food, and opportunities.

Primary Sponsors

Sonya Harper

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
MA	HD 1661	None		39.5% 78.9%

Title
An Act promoting equity in agriculture

Primary Sponsors

Natalie Blais

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
MA	SD 1036	None		3.7% 83.8%

Title
An Act promoting equity in agriculture

Primary Sponsors
Jo Comerford

Bill Summary: Last edited by Kendra Kimbirauskas at Mar 5, 2021, 4:52 PM
establishes a commission on agricultural equity to develop recommendations for supporting racially equitable investments, policies, and practices to promote equity in agriculture in the commonwealth.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MS	HB 784	Died In Committee 2021 02 02	Failed

Title
"The Farmer Equity Act of 2021"; enact to require the Department of Agriculture and Commerce to perform certain duties.

Introduction Date: 2021-01-18

Description
An Act To Establish "The Farmer Equity Act Of 2021"; To Prescribe The Legislative Findings; To Define Terminology; To Require The Mississippi Department Of Agriculture And Commerce To Ensure The Inclusion Of Socially Disadvantaged Farmers In The Development, Adoption, Implementation And Enforcement Of Food And Agriculture Laws Regulations, Policies And Programs; To Prescribe The Duties Of The Department Of Agriculture And Commerce Relating To The Implementation And Administration Of The Act; To Require The Department To Submit A Report To The Governor And Legislature On Its Recommendations And Efforts To Serve Socially Disadvantaged Farmers; And For Related Purposes.

Primary Sponsors
De'Keither Stamps

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MS	SB 2492	Died In Committee 2021 02 02	Failed

Title
Industrial hemp growth and processing; include minority farmers in policies and regulations.

Introduction Date: 2021-01-18

Description
An Act To Direct The Mississippi Department Of Agriculture And Commerce To Ensure The Inclusion Of Minority And Socially Disadvantaged Farmers In The Development, Adoption, Implementation And Enforcement Of Laws, Regulations Policies And Programs Authorizing The Growth, Production And Processing Of Industrial Hemp In The State Of Mississippi; And For Related Purposes.

Primary Sponsors
John Horhn

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
NJ	A 5475	Introduced Referred To Assembly Agriculture Committee 2021 03 15	In Assembly	5.8% 92.4%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-15

Directs Department of Agriculture to establish New Jersey Minority, Woman, and Underserved Farmer Registry.

Primary Sponsors

Lisa Swain, Ron Dancer

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
NJ	S 3559	Introduced In The Senate Referred To Senate Economic Growth Committee 2021 03 15	In Senate	3.0% 90.2%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-15

Directs Department of Agriculture to establish New Jersey Minority, Woman, and Underserved Farmer Registry.

Primary Sponsors

Nellie Pou

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
NM	SB 229	Hhhc Reported By Committee With Do Pass Recommendation 2021 03 15	Failed sine die

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-01

HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING ACT

Primary Sponsors

Carrie Hamblen, Angelica Rubio, Gay Kernan

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
NY	S 4072	Referred To Agriculture 2021 03 04	In Assembly	53.3% 89.6%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-02

Establishes a one-stop farming hotline with the Cornell cooperative extension

Description

Establishes a one-stop farming hotline with the Cornell cooperative extension.

Primary Sponsors

Michelle Hinchey

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
SC	H 3543	Member S Request Name Added As Sponsor Garvin 2021 03 22	In House	5.7% 90.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2020-12-16
Black Farmer Restoration Program

Description

A Bill To Amend The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, By Adding Article 3 To Chapter 3, Title 46 Entitled The "Black Farmer Restoration Program", To Direct The Department Of Agriculture To Establish The Black Farmer Restoration Fund To Purchase Farmland On The Open Market And Grant It To Eligible Individuals, To Establish Certain Requirements And Limitations For The Program, To Establish The "Farm Conservation Corps" To Provide Training In An On-Field Environment For Socially Disadvantaged Residents; And To Designate The Existing Sections Of Chapter 3, Title 46 As Article 1 Entitled "General Provisions".

Primary Sponsors

J.A. Moore

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
VT	H 273	Read First Time And Referred To The Committee On General Housing And Military Affairs 2021 02 17	In House	91.5% 85.9%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-17
An act relating to promoting racial and social equity in land access and property ownership

Primary Sponsors

Brian Cina

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
VT	H 406	Read First Time And Referred To The Committee On General Housing And Military Affairs 2021 03 09	In House	91.6% 85.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-09
An act relating to promoting racial and social equity in economic opportunity and cultural empowerment

Primary Sponsors

Brian Cina