

Supporting Urban and Innovative Farming Act of 2023

In October 2023, Representatives Alma Adams (D-NC) and 13 cosponsors introduced legislation to improve the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production. The Supporting Urban and Innovative Farming Act (H.R. 5915) promotes food waste reduction through support for urban agriculture initiatives, funding for large-scale composting, and the development of food waste-to-energy operations.

Focusing on food loss and waste, the bill would:

- Provide mandatory funding, scaling from \$15 million in 2024 to \$50 million in 2028, to Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production.
- For the programs managed by this office:
 - Remove reference to the urban and suburban county committees and community compost and food waste reduction projects as “pilot” projects.
 - Expand the types of projects that local or municipal governments could carry out through cooperative agreements to include construction of composting or anaerobic digestion food waste-to-energy projects (except that such funding could not be used for anaerobic digesters that primarily process manure) and add Indian Tribes to the list of entities that can participate in cooperative agreements.

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Read the full text of H.R.5915 [here](#).