

Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024

In November 2024, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) introduced the Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024, the Senate version of the draft 2024 Farm Bill.

Regarding food loss and waste, the bill would:

- Expand the authority of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service to establish a framework for verifying food loss and waste process-related claims.
- Convert the Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction pilot program to a permanent program and provide mandatory funding to the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production to carry out the program. It would also expand program participation eligibility to include state governments, soil and water conservation districts, tribal entities and governments, and Native Hawaiian organizations and include food waste-to-energy operations among the types of projects that could be funded through cooperative agreements.
- Require the Food Loss and Waste Reduction Liaison to establish a national consumer food waste education campaign and appropriate funding to carry out the program.
- Create regional food loss and waste coordinators and appropriate funding.
- Require interagency collaboration between the USDA, EPA, FDA and USAID to implement the interagency agreement to reduce food loss and waste.
- Add research on technologies to prevent and reduce food waste to the list of priorities for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative.
- Require that USDA carry out cross-cutting and collaborative research alongside the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation, which may focus on technologies to address food and nutrition security, including food loss and waste.

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