

Agriculture Resilience Act of 2025

In April 2025, Representatives Chellie Pingree (D-ME) and 19 cosponsors introduced the Agriculture Resilience Act of 2025 which includes provisions to reduce food loss and waste (FLW) as part of broader climate and agricultural goals. The bill addresses standardized food date labeling, composting as a conservation practice, funding for composting and anaerobic digestion projects, amendments to the Federal Food Donation Act, grants for school food waste reduction, public awareness of food waste, and food waste research.

Regarding food waste, the bill proposes to:

- Standardize food date labels so that quality is conveyed with the phrase “BEST If Used By” and the date that a food should be discarded is conveyed with the phrase “USE By.” Food labelers will determine whether to include a quality date or discard date on the food packaging.
- Support farmers by classifying composting as a conservation practice for purposes of USDA’s Conservation Stewardship Program.
- Authorize \$100 million in annual grant funding for large-scale composting and anaerobic digestion food waste-to-energy projects.
- Amend the Federal Food Donation Act to mandate that certain federal procurement contracts require the donation of surplus edible food and reporting on rates of food donation, diversion of food scraps to composting or other recycling, and food waste disposal.
- Establish a new USDA grant program that supports schools in implementing food waste measurement and reporting, prevention, education, and reduction projects.
- Launch a national media campaign to reduce food waste.
- Direct the USDA Food Loss and Waste Reduction Liaison to establish a food waste research program in collaboration with regional partner institutions and create a website that details key findings and best practices and provides tools for tracking food waste reduction efforts and measuring impact.

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Read the full text of H.B. 3077 [here](#).