

Conservation in the Farm Bill

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Three points to cover:

1. Basic principles to guide conservation policy
2. What's good in the current bills
3. Major items to resolve

Principles:

1. Farmland is America's Greatest Natural Resource!
2. Protecting it is a shared responsibility
3. We must strive for continuous improvement

Great work has been done!

- Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- Consolidation of programs
- Eliminate random acts of conservation

Yet to be done:

Reattach conservation compliance to crop insurance

Why?

1. Remove risk – drive production to more marginal land
2. Maintains program, few new people covered
3. Focused on compliance, not violations
4. Important, sensible reform to crop insurance
5. Ag's chance to take a stand for responsible behavior

Maintain agreed to budget

1. Shared sacrifice
2. Conservation has contributed

Parting Thought

*“Be good to the land and the
land will be good to you.”*

Philip James Jones

1821-1912

Founder

Jones Family Farm

Shelton, CT