

RESOLUTION
FARM POLICY

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Delta Council continues to support a CCC non-recourse loan and minimum loan floor, income protection features, and a marketing loan. The merits of loan extension provisions of previous farm law should continue to be re-evaluated, in order to determine whether this feature should be restored to enhance more orderly marketing opportunities for producers.

Farm Service Agency acreage bases and program yields should continue to be maintained as a part of the official USDA record of historic and contemporary cropland base. We support farm policy that promotes market driven business decisions by growers. Farm programs should provide consistent adequate support for Delta agriculture and offer opportunities for farmers and landowners in the Delta to maintain or increase base acres and payment yields.

Access to the marketing loan should be open and free of limitations that could have a negative impact on the forfeiture of commodities to the Commodity Credit Corporation of USDA, causing burdensome stocks overhanging market prices.

Farm programs and international trade policy should be administered in a fashion which allows agriculture to obtain its income from the marketplace; however, during those periods when traditional market forces do not respond to supply and demand signals, or when global economic conditions, dysfunctional international trade, and/or the manipulation of foreign exchange rates cause disruption in U.S. farm income, U.S. domestic farm policy should engage existing features which provide farm income protection.

We support broad access to farm programs without arbitrary restrictions imposed through payment limitations or means testing created by statute or in the USDA rule-making process. Delta Council supports a USDA rule-making process that administers farm programs in a fair and equitable manner consistent with the intent of current farm law.

Delta Council praises the Congress for taking the necessary steps to establish a long-term cottonseed and lint policy in the FY'2017 Supplemental Appropriations measure, which allows a cottonseed/lint provision to be included in current farm law as a *commodity*.

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