



2026 Farm Bill: Nutrition Security Recommendations

The 2026 farm bill is a critical opportunity for Congress to strengthen food and nutrition security for millions of Americans who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Congress must undo barriers to eligibility enacted under H.R. 1 (P.L. 119-21) and restore and strengthen access to SNAP. We believe that no farm bill is better than one that fails to reverse these changes and contributes to increased food hardship.

Our ideal vision for a farm bill promotes nutrition and health, addressing nutrition security by improving the food environment to increase access to healthy food, investing in nutrition research, and strengthening nutrition education. The following document details high-level recommendations developed by the National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity (NANA) coalition for ensuring that the 2026 farm bill truly supports health and well-being.

Endorsement of these recommendations does not imply that signatories have taken a position on every recommendation.

1. Maintain SNAP Eligibility and Benefit Adequacy

Restore SNAP by reversing H.R. 1's reductions to benefits, eligibility, nutrition education, state flexibility, and administrative funding. SNAP benefit levels must keep pace with the cost of a healthy diet, remain accessible in times of economic hardship, and serve all individuals who meet eligibility requirements.

2. Expand Access to Nutritious Foods

Strengthen the food environment by investing in local and regional food systems, supporting food banks, expanding fruit and vegetable incentives through Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) grants, improving access to information and services, and increasing support for school fruit and vegetable programs.

3. Strengthen Nutrition Research and Data

Ensure USDA and partner agencies have the funding and guidance needed to conduct high-quality nutrition research, resume regular food security reporting, rigorously evaluate SNAP food restriction waivers, and develop a standardized measure of nutrition security.

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American Heart Association
American Public Health Association
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Children's Council of San Francisco
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National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Education Association
National Farm to School Network
National League for Nursing
Nourish Colorado
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Trust for America's Health

About the National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity (NANA)

These recommendations were developed by the National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity (NANA) coalition. NANA is the nation's largest nutrition advocacy coalition composed of over 500 national, state, and local organizations, and Steering Committee consisting of: 1,000 Days; Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; American Academy of Pediatrics; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; American Heart Association; American Public Health Association; Association of State Public Health Nutritionists; Center for Science in the Public Interest; International Fresh Produce Association; National Association of Chronic Disease Directors; National WIC Association; Nemours Children's Health System; Trust for America's Health; and UnidosUS.

NANA envisions a country where everyone has access to adequate, affordable, culturally appropriate, and nutritious food; where the food environment promotes healthy eating; in which evidence-based nutrition policy is the basis of food policies and programs; and in which physical activity is promoted. NANA is committed to carrying out this work with a particular focus on reaching priority populations, starting from the earliest years, eliminating health disparities, and advancing racial justice. These systemic changes will reduce the illnesses, diseases, disabilities, premature deaths, and costs associated with diet and inactivity. Our efforts include advocating for strong public policy and program funding such as for federal nutrition programs, supporting effective education programs, and promoting structural and policy approaches to help the public eat better and be more active. www.NANACoalition.org

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