

The Farm Bill

And how it impacts Ramsey County residents.



What is the Farm Bill?

The Farm Bill is a package of legislation passed every five years that ensures we all have access to a safe, nutritious and secure food supply. This legislation determines funding for food assistance to those in need, and the amount of support farmers and rural communities receive so they can provide food for the United States and world.



The Farm Bill or the Food Bill?

About 74% of the Farm Bill allocations fund food and nutrition programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that help 49+ million families in the United States put food on their tables and stretch their budgets.

In Ramsey County, 38% of SNAP participants are under the age of 18, and 20% of participants are over the age of 55. SNAP plays a vital role in helping families that are food insecure in Ramsey County.



Funding what foods are grown

The Farm Bill affects our entire food system--from how food is grown, what types of food is available, and who has access to it. The current Farm Bill subsidizes commodity crops like corn and wheat which are often used in heavily processed food, while fruits and vegetable production does not receive subsidies, making produce comparatively more expensive than processed foods.

Our future food system needs you!

The current Farm Bill is set to expire in September 2023.

Discussions about how funds are allocated are already happening.

Contact your legislator about the food system and support you want to see!