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Is Project 2025 Good for Farmers?

No, it's not so good for farmers -- or their land

Here what it says:

- **The U.S. Department of Agriculture should be scaled back**, because “the USDA’s ‘client’ is the American people in general, **not a subset of interests, such as farmers, meatpackers, environmental groups, etc.**” (pg. 290).
- **It would reverse climate change policies – worsening the forecast for farmers.**
- **It wants to cut back farm subsidies:** “The overall goal should be to eliminate subsidy dependence” because subsidies create “market distortions.” (pg. 294-5).
- It says: “**Stop paying farmers twice for price and revenue losses during the same year.** Farmers can receive support from the ARC (Agriculture Risk Coverage) or PLC (Price Loss Coverage) programs *and* the federal crop insurance program to cover price declines and revenue shortfalls *during the same year*. Congress should prohibit this duplication.” (pg 297).
- **Eliminate the Conservation Reserve Program:** “Farmers should not be paid in such a sweeping way *not* to farm their land” (pg. 304).
- **Shrink the Farm Services Agency** that administers farm subsidy programs (pg. 310).
- **US farm bankruptcies keep climbing; small farmers are not surviving.** But Project 2025 seeks cuts to federal aid programs like Social Security that also impact farmers.
- **Get rid of H-2A visas.** “*Congress should immediately cap this program at its current levels and establish a schedule for its gradual and predictable phasedown over the subsequent 10 to 20 years.*” That will hurt farmers struggling to hire seasonal workers.
- **The plan calls for deregulation of food safety rules, and water, air, soil, animal husbandry regulations.** That stands to harm nature, animals, and humans.

*For more about Project 2025’s impact sectors that impact farming such as climate, immigration of labor, see other briefs at **How Does Project 2025 Affect Me?***