

MCOOL ACTION ALERT

To: Everyone

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Subject: Farm Bill Update: Congratulations on MCOOL Amendment Vote!

Background: Thank you for your help and congratulations! Today, the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee overwhelmingly passed Senator Thune's amendment to restore mandatory country-of-origin labeling (MCOOL) for beef in a 17-6 vote. This is the most significant step toward restoring MCOOL in more than a decade.

Your calls and outreach made a huge difference. Thank you again for your help!

If your senator voted in favor of the amendment, please thank them. Senators voting in favor: Sens. Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Booker (D-N.J.), Hoeven (R-N.D.), Schiff (D-Calif.), Bennet (D-Colo.), Durbin (D-Ill.), Luján (D-N.M.), Warnock (D-Ga.), Welch (D-Vt.), Fetterman (D-Pa.), Slotkin (D-Mich.), Smith (D-Minn.), Thune (R-S.D.), Ernst (R-Iowa), Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Grassley (R-Iowa), and Fischer (R-Neb.)

Senators voting against: Sens. McConnell (R-Ky.), Marshall (R-Kan.), Tuberville (R-Ala.), Justice (R-W.Va.), Moran (R-Kan.) and Boozman (R-Ark.).

There's still work ahead, but today's win is a strong start.

What's Next:

The committee recessed without passing the full Farm Bill and is expected to reconvene in September for another vote. Eventually, the full Congress will vote on the Farm Bill, and we must ensure MCOOL remains in the legislation through final passage. Stay tuned – we'll keep you informed every step of the way.

What You Can Do Now:

August recess is a great time to request a meeting with your senators and representatives or attend a town hall event. Invite others to join you and let your congressional representatives know why MCOOL matters to you and your community and while urging them to keep MCOOL in the Farm Bill. You can also continue calling the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121. Even during the recess, Senate Washington offices remain staffed and continue taking constituent calls and messages.

With your continued help, we believe we can see this through to the finish line!

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