

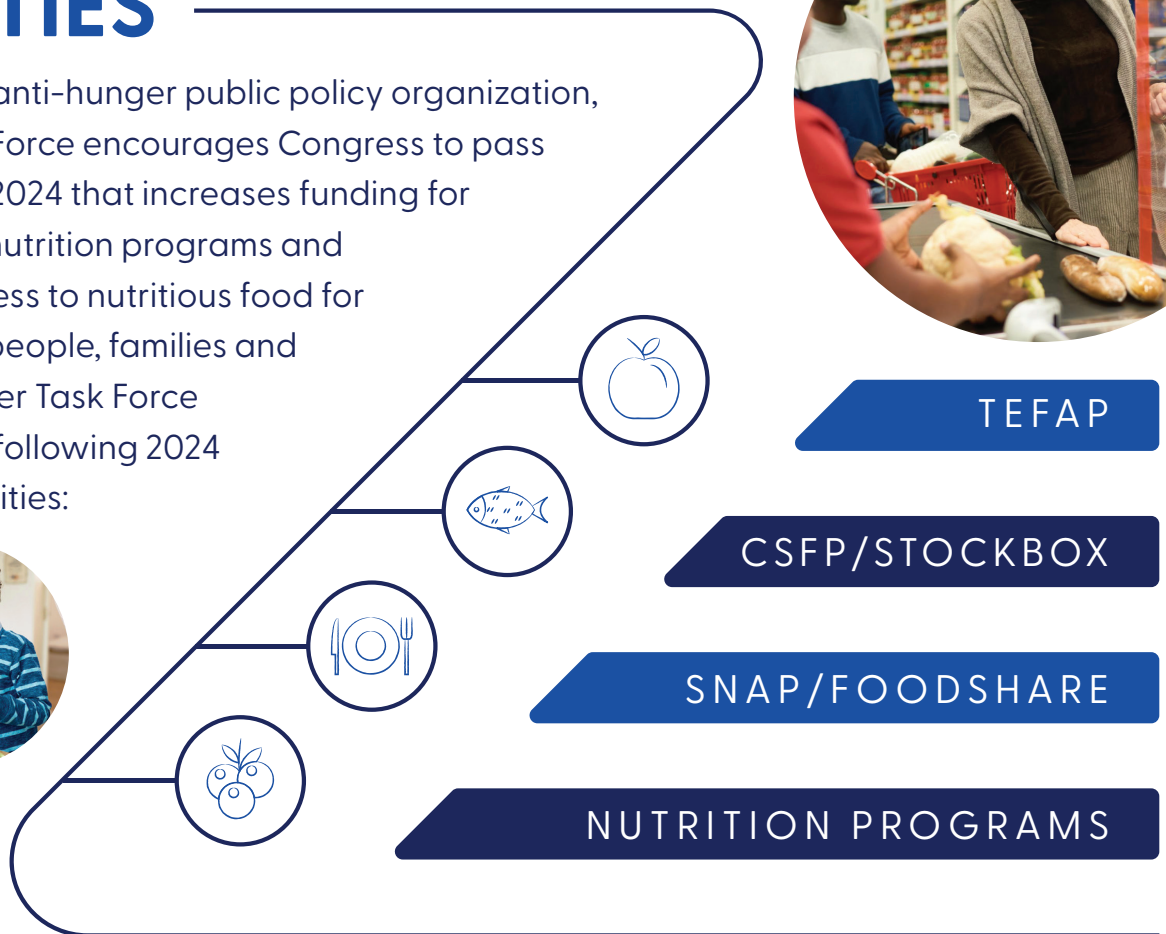


THE FARM BILL

The Farm Bill is a comprehensive piece of legislation passed by the United States Congress roughly every five years and most recently in 2018. It covers various aspects of agriculture, nutrition, conservation and rural development policies in the United States. It authorizes funding for various federal nutrition programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/FoodShare in Wisconsin), the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP/Stockbox in Wisconsin).

PRIORITIES

As a leading anti-hunger public policy organization, Hunger Task Force encourages Congress to pass a Farm Bill in 2024 that increases funding for vital federal nutrition programs and expands access to nutritious food for low-income people, families and seniors. Hunger Task Force supports the following 2024 Farm Bill priorities:



TEFAP

- Reauthorize TEFAP and increase to \$200 million annually for discretionary funding for storage and distribution. Increase mandatory funding for TEFAP food purchases to \$500 million annually.
- Authorize up to \$20 million to be appropriated for TEFAP infrastructure grants.
- Extend the Farm to Food Bank Projects and provide \$8 million in annual mandatory funding while eliminating the required 50% nonfederal match.

CSFP/STOCKBOX IN WISCONSIN

- Fund CSFP at a rate of \$325 million annually and guarantee a national caseload allocation of at least 760,000 participants.
- Exempt Medicare payments from the gross income calculation to determine CSFP eligibility.

SNAP/FOODSHARE IN WISCONSIN

- Permanently allow college students enrolled half-time or more to get SNAP benefits and eliminate the 80-hour work requirement.
- Streamline the process for college students so no SNAP application is needed if a FAFSA form is submitted.
- End the prohibition on the use of SNAP benefits to purchase hot prepared foods from food retailers.
- Update the Thrifty Food Plan without being cost neutral during mandated adjustment periods.
- Provide support for funding and technical support for farmers to facilitate online SNAP sales.
- Eliminate the prohibition on individuals with drug felony convictions from participating in SNAP.
- Require states to review EBT contracts to reflect the most up-to-date security standards.
- Reevaluate the three-month time limit on SNAP eligibility for working-age individuals who do not secure employment within that time period.
- Reevaluate the five-year waiting period for immigrants to attain SNAP eligibility.

GENERAL/OTHER NUTRITION PROGRAMS

- Oppose moving dollars from the Nutrition Title to any other Title.
- Amend Section 32 to enable the USDA to issue direct grants to food banks for the purpose of making commodity purchases from within its own state.
- Support block grant programs that would enable food banks to purchase specialty crops directly from farmers.
- Support Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

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