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FARM BILL



FRAC Reacts to USDA Farm Bill Priorities

FRAC President Jim Weill told the Hagstrom Report that the Farm Bill principles outlined this week by Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue in a speech and a four-page document were “very broad, and the devil is in the details.” Referring to the provision that calls on Congress to support work as the pathway to self-sufficiency for individuals and families receiving SNAP, Weill said, “Supporting work as a way to self-sufficiency is an important goal. The question: Is that going to be done by ensuring that people get job training and jobs that they need, or will it be done through arbitrary time limits?” [FRAC is urging Congress to support H.R. 1276](#) that exempts from SNAP work requirements able-bodied adults who are not offered a position in a SNAP Employment and Training Program. [Weill told NPR Marketplace](#) that “cutting the program (SNAP) runs the risk of harming health, reducing student achievement, and increasing poverty.”

LATEST BUZZ

New York Times Op-Ed Columnist Charles Blow to Discuss Race, Poverty, & Hunger in America

The National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference will kick off with a dynamic opening plenary featuring a conversation with New York Times columnist Charles Blow on race, poverty, and hunger in America. Blow is the author of *Fire Shut Up in My Bones*, a memoir in which he shares his journey of growing up poor and black in rural Louisiana. Don't miss out — [register today!](#)

Disaster SNAP Drives Temporary Increase in Program Caseloads

Delivery of temporary SNAP benefits to disaster victims in [Texas](#) and Florida drove up national participation in SNAP in October 2017, compared with October 2016, even as continued job growth and other factors caused caseloads to decline over the year in the District of

Columbia and all other states, except for Alaska. In the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, participation in SNAP in October 2017 increased over the prior October by more than 2 million people in Texas and 2.5 million people in Florida. Nationally, SNAP participation level was 45,641,674 persons. [See more...](#)



At the Intersection of Poverty, Food Insecurity, and Poor Nutrition

In this [white paper](#), FRAC reviews the latest research on the harmful impacts of poverty, food insecurity, and poor nutrition on the health and well-being of children, adults, and older adults. In two accompanying research reviews, FRAC describes the critical role of [SNAP](#) and the federal [Child Nutrition Programs](#) in alleviating poverty, reducing food insecurity, and improving nutrition, health, and well-being. Prefer the Cliffs Notes? Check out a summary of the research on [FRAC Chat](#).

FRAC's U.S. Hunger Solutions Hub

Looking for ways to ensure disaster victims can receive SNAP? Or perhaps you're looking for ways to get your state to adopt school breakfast legislation? Whatever the case may be, browse FRAC's [best practices hub](#) to find what you're looking for. Be sure also to check out FRAC's [State of the States: Profiles of Hunger, Poverty, and the Federal Nutrition Programs](#).

FRAC CHAT: LOOK WHO'S TALKING



Congratulations to Senator Bob Dole on Receiving the Congressional Gold Medal

FRAC President Jim Weill [commended former Senator Bob Dole](#) for receiving the Congressional Gold Medal. Senator Dole has dedicated his career to ending hunger in America and around the world. Dole was instrumental in making the Food Stamp Program (now known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP) accessible to many more eligible households; helping create the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and expanding the reach of the National School Lunch Program. Without these programs, hunger in America would be far worse.

More Reasons to Attend the National Anti-Hunger Policy

Conference

If you're not already registered for the 2018 National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference, it's right around the corner! See what these seasoned [anti-hunger advocates have to say](#) about the conference. Check out the [plenaries and workshops](#), and [register today](#).

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2/15 at 1 PM ET: Conference call: School Nutrition Departments and the A
2/25-2/27: 2018 National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference

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