

The American Association of Crop Insurers (AACI), the Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau (CIRB), the Crop Insurance Professionals Association (CIPA), the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IIABA), the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents (PIA), and the National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS) responded in a joint statement on the passage in the Senate of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, otherwise known as the farm bill.

*"America's farmers and ranchers scored a major victory today when the United States Senate passed a bipartisan farm bill that maintained the nation's strong crop insurance infrastructure. For more than a year, producers across the country have called crop insurance a top priority and urged lawmakers to do no harm to crop insurance. We applaud the Senate for heeding farmers' calls and approving a bill that continues to make crop insurance affordable, available and economically viable.*

*We also commend the Senate for rebuffing amendments that would have limited participation in crop insurance and affected farmers of all sizes who rely on crop insurance when disaster strikes. We look forward to working with Chairman Roberts and Ranking Member Stabenow and their counterparts in the House to ensure there is a strong crop insurance title in the farm bill conference report. We are pleased to see that the Senate is committed to providing long-term certainty for our producers who count on crop insurance as their number one risk management tool."*