The Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act: Where Are We Now?

LFFJA is a "marker bill" intended for inclusion in the 2012 Farm Bill. This chart shows how well the House and Senate have done in including its components in their versions of the 2012 Farm Bill.

		How'd They Do?	
Issue	Our Ask	Senate	House
Classical Plant and Animal Breeding	Direct USDA's Research, Education, and Extension Office to coordinate classical plant and animal breeding research activities and projects to develop locally-adapted cultivars and breeds.	Ĩ	Ē
Community Food Projects	Increase funding for the successful CFP grant program		
Farm to School	Improve public schools' ability to purchase fresh, local produce for school lunch programs		
Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program	Expand FMPP to include marketing not only for producer-to- consumer marketing but also farm-to-institution, food hubs, and regional marketing and fund at \$30 million annually		
Food Safety Inspection Service	Improving Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) outreach and technical assistance for small and very small livestock processing plants that serve sustainable meat niche markets		
Food Safety Training	Fund farmer food safety training through the National Food Safety Training, Education, Extension, Outreach and Technical Assistance program at \$15 million annually	EV	ŧ
Local Food Data Collection	Create a new initiative for the collection of critically important research data on local and regional food systems		Ē
Local Food Enterprise Facilitation	Enable Extension to offer technical assistance to help create sustainable local and regional food systems in the neediest parts of rural America	Ĩ	Ē
National Organic Certification Cost Share	Fund the NOCCSP at \$7 million annually		ÐÐ
Organic Crop Insurance	Remove surcharges for organic crop insurance and develop an organic price series for crop insurance payouts		a la
Rural Development Programs	Improve the ability of Rural Development economic development grant and loan programs to help grow and strengthen local and regional food systems	Ð	Ē
Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program	Increase funding for the successful SFMNP		ÐÐ
SNAP access and Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT)	Improve SNAP participants' access to farmers markets, CSAs, and other farm-direct outlets		
Specialty Crop Block Grants	Increase funding, expand purposes, increase transparency, and create an allocation for local and regional food market development	Ð	Ē
Value-Added Producer Grants (VAPG)	Fund VAPG at \$30 million annually and expand the program to include food hubs and outreach to underserved states and communities	Ē	Ę
Whole Farm Risk Management Insurance	Direct the Risk Management Agency to develop a nationwide Whole Farm Risk Management Insurance product for all types of diversified farm operations		