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This Farm Bill Really Matters. We Explain Why.

Lisa Held, Civil Eats, 3/20/23

Farmers are mobilizing for action. It's not the first time.

Michael Stewart Foley, Washington Post, 3/16/23

Farmers for Climate Action: Rally for Resilience Calls for Climate Resilience, Social Justice

Dan Sullivan, Lancaster Farming, 3/16/23

Farmers Rally at Nation's Capital for Climate Resilience

Michael Guebert, Good Stuff NW, 3/14/23

Area farmers call on Congress to make climate policy a priority

Julian Mendoza, Greenfield Recorder, 3/12/23

'Communities, Not Corporations': Farmers March for Climate Action in D.C.

Marin Scotten, Modern Farmer, 3/10/23

Promoting Sustainable Agricultural Production in the Next Farm Bill: Is There Any Common Ground?

Maria Kalaitzandonakes, Jonathan Coppess, and Brenna Ellison, Farm Doc Daily, 3/10/23

Farmers March for Urgent Climate Action in DC

Lisa Held, Civil Eats, 3/9/23

The Indigenous congressional climate

Ayurella Horn-Muller, Axios, 3/9/23

“Climate Battles” Farmers’ Two-Day Rally & Bully for Thee But Not For Me*

Garrett Downes and Marcia Brown, Politico Pro Morning Ag, 3/9/23

Illinois farmers attend DC rally

AGRINEWS, 3/9/23

Farmers call for climate action in farm bill at Washington rally

Leah Douglas, Reuters (ran in U.S. News & World Report, Yahoo! News, AgWeek, and Successful Farming), 3/8/23

Progressive agriculture groups rally for land access, climate-smart policies in farm bill

Adam Goldstein, States Newsroom, (ran in Louisiana Illuminator and Idaho Capitol Sun), 3/8/23

More Photos from Farmers for Climate Action: Rally for Resilience 2023

Dan Sullivan, Lancaster Farming, 3/8/23

Visiting D.C., farmers urge equity in USDA programs

Marc Heller, Greenwire, 3/8/23

Farmers March on Washington to Demand Climate Legislation

Dan Sullivan, Lancaster Farming, 3/8/23

D.C. Press Conference Highlights Intersection of Agriculture, Science and Social Justice

Dan Sullivan, Lancaster Farming, 3/8/23

Farmers for Climate Action rallying in D.C.

Mark Dorenkamp, Brownfield, 3/7/23

John Mellencamp Performs & Tells Farmers to ‘Keep Slugging’ at ‘Farmers for Climate Action’ Rally in D.C.

Thom Duffy, Billboard, 3/7/23

Quincy farmer rallies for climate change policy in farm bill

Deborah Gertz, Herald Whig, 3/7/23

Mellencamp to perform at climate rally for farm bill

Adam Aton, Politico, 3/7/23

Farmers and Activists Prepare to March for Climate Resilience

Dan Sullivan, Lancaster Farming, 3/7/23

Ashland farmer heads to DC to lobby for climate in Farm Bill

Dave Dawson, My Journal Courier, 3/6/23

Climate-ag rally center stage*

Garret Downs and Marcia Brown, Politico, 3/6/23

PRE-EVENT COVERAGE

Washington Week Ahead: Biden proposing tax hikes, House debates WOTUS

Philip Brasher, Agri-Pulse, 3/5/23

Farmers for Climate Action: Rally for Resilience

SceneThink, 3/5/23

Local Farmer heading to DC to lobby for climate in the farm bill

Logan Williams, WGEM, 3/3/23

Local Farmers among those headed to D.C. to Urge Climate Action

Country Herald, 3/2/23

John Mellencamp to Perform, Speak at Farmer's March in D.C. in Support of Climate Resilience

Gil Kaufman, Billboard, 3/2/23

Farmers for Climate Action: Rally for Resilience in Washington, D.C.

EV Edition, Solectrac by Ideanomics, 3/1/23

Illinois farmers headed to D.C. for farmers for climate rally for resilience

WICS/WCCU Staff, (ran on FOX Illinois, KHQA, 7 abc), 3/1/23

John Mellencamp to Speak and Perform at Upcoming Farmer Rally in Washington

Dan Sullivan, Lancaster Farming, 2/28/23

Farm Aid Co-Founder John Mellencamp to Join Farmers in DC March 7 In Support of Climate Resilience

PR Newswire, Fox Spokane, 2/28/23

Farmers for Climate Action Rally in Washington Reminiscent of 1979 Tractorcade

Dan Sullivan, Lancaster Farming, 2/27/23

Farmers for Climate Action: A Rally for Resilience Announcement — Join Us March 6–8, 2023 in DC

Michael Foley, Farm Aid, 1/23/23

Willie Nelson's Farm Aid Plans Organized Farmers March in Washington in 2023

Tina Benitez-Eves, American Songwriter, 10/2022

Willie Nelson's Farm Aid Reveals Plans for 'A Major Farmer Mobilization in Washington' in March 2023

Thom Duffy, Billboard, 9/24/22

OTHER MENTIONS



[DriveTime: March 7, 2023](#)

The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition led a rally today calling on Congress to address climate change in the upcoming farm bill, and an Iowa lawmaker discusses the current action taken on Mexico's ban on genetically modified corn imports.

"Farmers for climate action: Rally for resilience" Calendar Listing

FERN's Ag Insider, 3/6/2023

Twenty farm and environmental groups host **"Farmers for climate action: Rally for resilience,"** through Wednesday, Washington. The rally includes a march to Capitol Hill on Tuesday and a news conference on Wednesday.

NSAC, Farm Aid to hold 'resilience' rally in DC this week

Jerry Hagstrom, Hagstrom Report, 3/6/23

The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and Farm Aid are leading a two-day rally in Washington this week to urge lawmakers to address climate impacts, racial justice, and antitrust and fair competition laws in the next farm bill.

Events start tonight, with the rally and visit to Capitol Hill taking place Tuesday and Wednesday.

▪ **National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition — Farmers for Climate Action: Rally for Resilience**

3-2-23 Healthy Food System Weekly Update

EVENTS, FUNDING, JOBS, ETC.

Events

- 3.6-3.8.23 [Farmers for Climate Action: Rally for Resilience](#), Washington

“Climate Battles” Farmers’ Two-Day Rally & Bully for Thee But Not For Me

Garrett Downes and Marcia Brown, Politico Pro Morning Ag, 3/9/23

Climate-ag advocates wrapped up their two-day rally with remarks from Rep. Ro Khanna and a lobby day on Capitol Hill. Unfortunately, a bull that was supposed to make an appearance at Khanna’s remarks had to make a dramatic escape from Washington.

FARMERS’ TWO-DAY RALLY: Speaking Wednesday morning on Capitol Hill, Rep. [Ro Khanna](#) (D-Calif.) said that farmers can be part of the solution to climate change. “We can pay farmers to be good stewards of the land,” he said. “The problem is the monopolistic concentration of power. The people who are running a lot of these farms don’t live in the communities where those farms are. They don’t care about the pollution, they don’t care if they’re destroying the land.”

In his remarks, Khanna pointed to the [Farm System Reform Act](#), a bill that would place a moratorium on large animal feeding operations. “A lot of the work we’re doing ... is to break up these monopolistic practices, is to make sure that they’re being held liable — not family farmers — for the pollution,” he said to farmers, farmworkers and their allies at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation.

BULLY FOR THEE BUT NOT FOR ME: Gunner the bull, who was expected to join Khanna and farmers in Capitol Hill Wednesday morning, was instead rushed from Rock Creek Park Horse Center on Tuesday to Hagerstown, Maryland. According to Gunner’s handler, Crystal Carson, District of Columbia was threatening to impound the bull due to a public health risk. But Carson told Marcia she secured all necessary permits and more than met the public health requirements.

Backstory: Carson’s grandfather, who took part in the 1979 tractorcade to push for agricultural reform, also brought a bull to Washington decades ago. Reprising that legacy of activism, Carson transported Gunner over 1,200 miles from his Kansas home. Carson said she thought the city’s public health priorities were wrong. “I’ve seen multiple homeless people and there was a condominium of tents under a bridge but you’re wasting resources to run me out of the city,” said Carson, executive vice president of the American Agriculture Movement.

Before Gunner turned tail on the city, people took turns posing with the Kansas giant. [Take a look](#).

Climate-ag rally center stage*

Garret Downs and Marcia Brown, Politico, 3/6/23

‘Power to the peasants’: Hundreds of farmers, farmworkers and their allies gathered in Washington to lobby for a farm bill that helps the industry prepare for climate change while centering science-backed practices and the needs of farmers of color.

Marcia Brown

FARMERS FOR CLIMATE ACTION: Hundreds of farmers, farmworkers and their allies gathered in Freedom Plaza in Washington, D.C., Tuesday morning. In speeches, poetry and song, rallygoers called for a farm bill that prioritizes climate-smart practices, conservation and resilience in the face of climate change.

“On our farm, when my grandfather, uncles would teach me how to farm, you know they farmed based off of the weather. They would tell us when to plant and when to work the land,” said Ray Jeffers, North Carolina farmer and newly-elected representative in the state House. “Now, we know as farmers that we have to adapt because it’s sometimes warmer longer, colder earlier. But we do what farmers have always done, and that’s to adapt.”

Also on the agenda: Singer John Mellencamp serenaded the crowd before they marched to the Capitol.

Nearby, a bull made himself comfortable and an old Ford tractor, known as “Beep Beep,” graced the street. (Beep Beep attended the famed 1979 “Tractorcade” demanding the Carter Administration save the family farm.)

Unfortunately, the group was unable to secure a permit to demonstrate regenerative grazing with a flock of sheep.

Marcia caught up with some of the rallygoers. Here’s why they said they came to Washington.

Nezahualcoytl Xiuhtecutli, from Florida: Xiuhtecutli said that the farm bill needs to be better attuned to farmworkers’ needs after natural disasters, not just the needs of growers. “Any grower that gets funding from USDA should have to follow the [National] Labor Relations Act,” said Xiuhtecutli, including grants, disaster relief and more.

Jade Algarin, from Puerto Rico: An agriculturalist and community organizer, Algarin pointed out that Puerto Rico imports the vast majority of its food, driving prices sky-high. Relief of farmers stricken by drought is also a top priority. Algarin said Puerto Rico is on the front lines of climate change. “If you’re not facing it now, you will be soon,” Algarin said of the mainland U.S.

Jeremy Smith, from South Dakota: A small vegetable farmer from Spearfish, Smith said that he came to Washington to support young farmer issues, especially land access. “People want to farm, it’s just the access to the land,” he said.

What’s next: The same group will host a press conference with Rep. [Ro Khanna](#) (D-Calif.) on the threat of climate change and how federal policy can help farmers prepare.