

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8843

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to increase the number of acres authorized for enrollment in the conservation reserve program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2020

Mr. PETERSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. INCREASE IN AUTHORIZED MAXIMUM ENROLL-**
4 **MENT IN CONSERVATION RESERVE.**

5 (a) GENERAL ENROLLMENT INCREASE.—Section
6 1231(d)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.
7 3831(d)(1)(E)) is amended by striking subparagraphs (C)
8 through (E) and inserting the following:

1 “(C) fiscal year 2021, to the maximum ex-
2 tent practicable, not fewer than 28,000,000
3 acres;

4 “(D) fiscal year 2022, to the maximum ex-
5 tent practicable, not fewer than 32,000,000
6 acres;

7 “(E) fiscal year 2023, to the maximum ex-
8 tent practicable, not fewer than 37,000,000
9 acres;

10 “(F) fiscal year 2024, to the maximum ex-
11 tent practicable, not fewer than 43,000,000
12 acres; and

13 “(G) fiscal year 2025, to the maximum ex-
14 tent practicable, not fewer than 50,000,000
15 acres.”.

16 (b) LIMITATION.—The amendment made by sub-
17 section (a) shall have no effect on the number of acres
18 enrolled and maintained in the conservation reserve pro-
19 gram using the continuous enrollment procedure under
20 section 1231(d)(6) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
21 U.S.C. 3831(d)(6)).

22 (c) PRIORITY.—In holding a signup for general en-
23 rollment contracts for 25,000,000 acres of the total acres
24 authorized to be enrolled in the conservation reserve pro-
25 gram under subparagraphs (C) through (G) of section

1 1231(d)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.
2 3831(d)(1)), the Secretary shall give priority to applica-
3 tions for the enrollment of land that would promote soil
4 health and carbon sequestration, including applications for
5 the enrollment of land on which deep-rooted perennials
6 will be planted.

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