



The next Farm Bill isn't supposed to come until 2012, but [Congress started work on it last month](#), two-and-a-half years ahead of schedule. Not surprisingly, no one's asking everyday people or everyday farmers what they want from the bill.

Yet we're the ones who stand to lose if Congress passes another Farm Bill that prioritizes corporate profit over healthy farms and healthy people. It's time we got up to speed, and started speaking up.

Here's where you can go to catch up:

[Farm Policy](#), a daily newsletter about food and farm policy. Sign up for the email service and you'll receive everything you need to know about what's going on in D.C. It's a ton of information, but worth skimming each morning.

The [National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition's blog](#). Slow Food USA is a member of the coalition, and our staff relies on their blog for policy news.

[The Farm Bill and Beyond](#), an outstanding and very comprehensive report about how the 2008 Farm Bill came to be. It's a little long, but definitely worth reading if you want some insight on how the next fight will play out.

The blogs and twitter feeds of healthy farm advocates

like [@FoodDeclaration](#), [Environmental Working Group](#), [Food Democracy Now](#) and [Grist](#).

Slow Food USA's staff is weighing strategies for the next Farm Bill. It's imperative that we start by listening to farmers and coming to some mutual goals – otherwise, we risk dividing ourselves when ultimately we're all working towards a common vision.

What are the farmers in your area saying? Post your comments below.

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