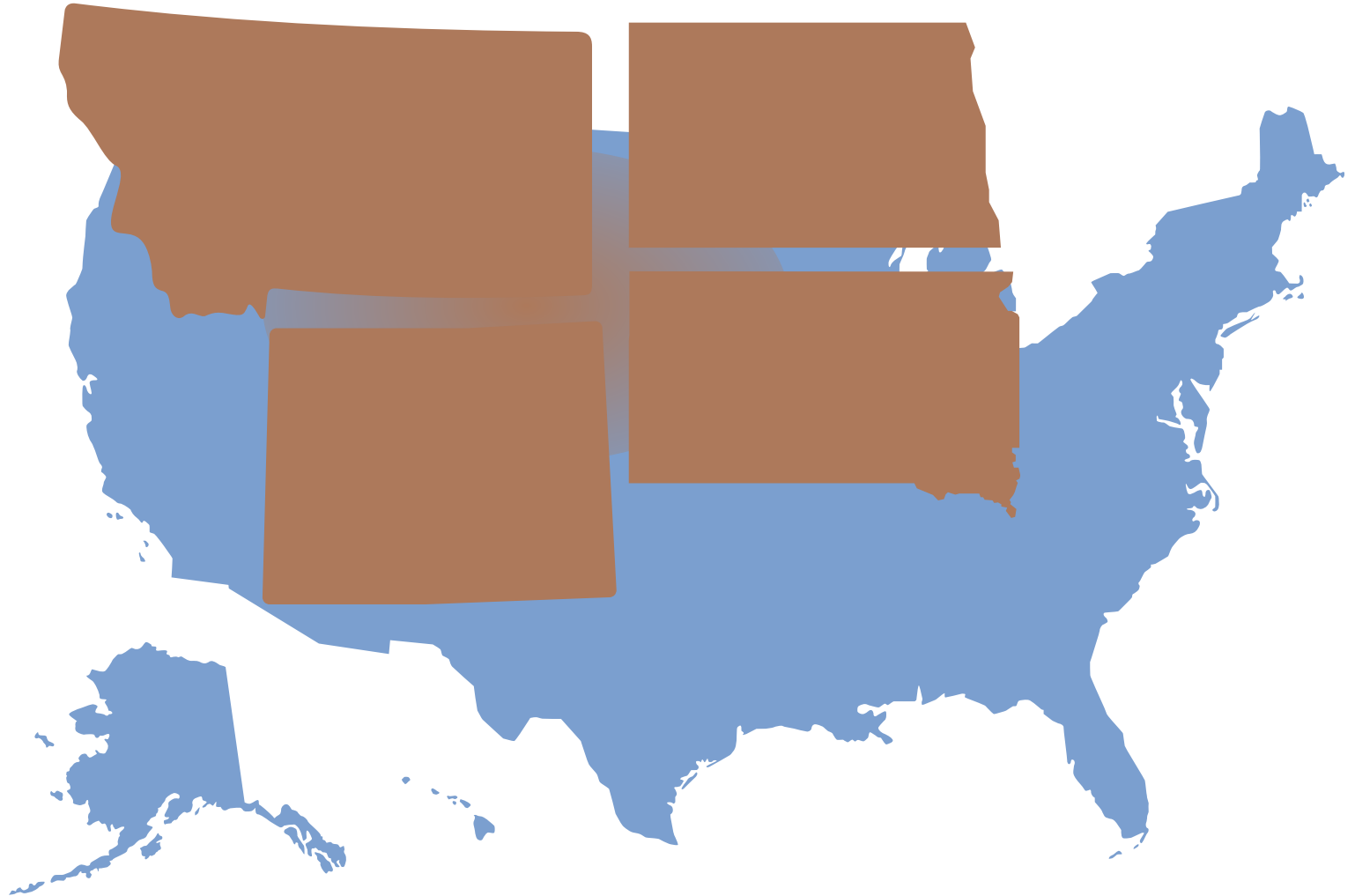


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States:

North Dakota
South Dakota
Montana
Wyoming



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Attendee concern:

- Indian preference hiring for USDA jobs on or near Indian reservations.



The feedback helped support the following marker bills that will be part of the discussion for the next Farm Bill:

- S. 2354 – the Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act – Sec.802 expands the Buy Indian Act to USDA.



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Attendee concern:

- Put local bison and beef from Tribal jurisdictions into local schools through food programs like the Farm to School Program.



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- *S. 1780 – Promoting Regulatory Independence, Mastery, and Expansion (PRIME) for Meat Processing Act* – expands “638” authority to Food Safety and Inspection Services (FSIS) to allow Tribal governments to inspect beef, bison, chicken, fish, seafood, and other products put into their food programs.
- *H.R. 599 – Butcher Block Act* – authorizes USDA to make or guarantee loans and award grants for establishing, expanding, and otherwise supporting livestock and poultry processing and related activities. Indian Tribes on a federal or state reservation or any other federally recognized Indian Tribal group are considered eligible recipients and grantees for the purpose of this Act.
- *H.R. 1589 – Tribal Nutrition Improvement Act of 2023* – will establish a pilot program to award grants to 10 tribal entities for operating and implementing the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Summer Food Service Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Bureau-funded schools, schools on or near an Indian reservation, and early care and educational facilities.



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Attendee concern:

Conservation and land stewardship

- Allow Tribes to develop traditional ecological knowledge-based (TEK) standards for all conservation projects.
- Tribes as entities that can identify priority resource concerns, alongside states.
- Improve access to NRCS programs



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- S. 2354— *Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber, and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act* — requires the USDA Secretary to report to Congress on its plan to establish nooffice of Self-Goernance within one year. It also expands “638” authority to any function, service, or activity provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).
- S. 1998 — Tribal Conservation Priorities Inclusion Act — and H.R. 5503 — Tribal Conservation Priorities Inclusion Act — amends the definition of “Priority Resource Concerns” to include Tribes.
- H.R. 70 — The CALL Act — directs the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service to carry out a study and make recommendations regarding conservation practices on leased agricultural land. The study must (1) address issues such as participation in conservation programs and barriers to adopting conservation practices; and (2) be carried out with particular consideration of farmers and ranchers who are people of color, including Black and Indigenous farmers and ranchers, and beginning farmers and ranchers.



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Attendee concern:

- Increasing interest in Native youth to begin farming and/or ranching.



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- *H.R. 5162 – Parity for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Students in Agriculture Act* – extends education grant programs for Alaska Natives serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institutions.
- *H.R. 5172 – to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act* – will reduce the eligibility requirement for direct farm real estate loans. If signed into law, it will reduce requirements for the USDA Direct Farm Ownership Loan program by reducing the three-year farm experience requirement to only one year, and ensures applicants can qualify with broadened type of experience, including work as a farm laborer, mentorship from an established producer, significant business experience, full payment of a youth USDA loan, and more.



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Attendee concern:

- Increase of affordable rural housing opportunities on reservation.



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- *S. 2354 – The Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act – Sec. 301* establishes a Denali Housing Fund, authorized at %5 million per fiscal year to facilitate construction or rehabilitation of housing to meet the needs of low-and moderate-income families and individuals, or to provide housing for public employees. Indian Tribes are eligible entities.



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Attendee concern:

- Increasing marketing assistance from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)



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- S. 2340 – *Increasing Land Access, Security, and Opportunities Act (and its companion bill H.R. 3955)* – expands upon the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program from the 2018 Farm Bill to support underserved producers. it aims to strengthen land, capital, and market access for historically underserved farmers, ranchers, forest owners, and producers operating in high-poverty areas.

