# KEEP AMERICA GROWING: VOTERS SUPPORT PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP



Crop insurance is essential to keep America growing. National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS) conducted a national survey of registered voters in September 2023 that found voters overwhelmingly support farmers and crop insurance.

### VOTER SUPPORT FOR CROP INSURANCE & FARMERS AT ITS HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE 2016

Crop insurance provides family farmers and family farms with a risk management tool to help them survive disasters so they can continue growing our food and fiber, supporting our food security, and contributing to our economy. Crop insurance is the cornerstone of the farm safety net – and voters recognize that.



#### 39% STRONGLY SUPPORT

Eighty-two percent of voters support receiving a discount on crop insurance that they purchase from a private company, which pays claims only in the event of bad weather or low prices.



#### **65% STRONGLY AGREE**

Ninety-one percent of voters agree that a strong and thriving American farming industry is critical to American national security.



#### **45% STRONGLY AGREE**

Eighty-six percent of voters agree that with extreme weather events due to climate change on the rise, crop insurance programs that protect farmers from catastrophic losses are more important than ever.



#### **51% STRONGLY AGREE**

Eighty-seven percent of voters agree that it is important that Congress support multi-generational family farmers by passing a Farm Bill that includes risk management tools like crop insurance that allow farmers to stay in business following disasters.



#### 36% STRONGLY AGREE

Seventy-eight percent of voters agree that crop insurance should be expanded to protect more farmers, more crops, and more acres.

## **VOTERS AGREE: CONGRESS MUST PROTECT CROP INSURANCE**

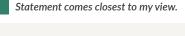
Voters also believe that it is appropriate for the Federal government to provide a safety net – and an overwhelming 72 percent reject any suggestions that farmers can simply pay for crop insurance premiums without a government discount.

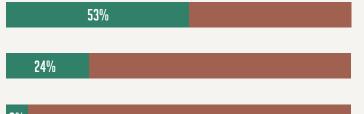
When asked what Congress should do in the next Farm Bill, voters said protect or strengthen crop insurance. Only seven percent of Republicans and five percent of Democrats said the program should be cut.

Crop insurance has been very successful at helping protect America's farmers, but farmers are facing increased risks such as climate change and inflation. Congress should strengthen crop insurance in the next Farm Bill.

Congress has made crop insurance the main safety net to protect America's farmers, and it is working well as it is. Congress should not make any changes to the crop insurance program in the next Farm Bill.

Farmers do not need any assistance to manage their risks and recover from disasters, and the budget for crop insurance should be cut in order to fund other important priorities.





This data was gathered through a national online survey of 1,154 registered voters conducted in September 2023 by North Star Opinion Research. The margin of error is ±2.88 percent for the full sample. The sample was weighted to reflect the demographics of registered voters nationwide, including party affiliations of 39% Democrat, 23% Independent, and 35% Republican.