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In a recent [blog](#), I showcased [farmers](#) and environmentalists joined in a common Farm Bill mission with faith communities, moms and organic “foodies.” I'm happy to report that the broad-based movement for smarter farm policies continues to expand, and pressure on Congress is building. We invite you to [add your voice](#).

October celebrations of [Food Day](#) included an urgent Farm Bill focus — bringing together food movement leaders, organizations, physicians, nutritionists, labor leaders, environmentalists, farmers, chefs, authors, cookbook writers, parents, children and teachers.

It's the demonstration of a united, diverse front that will convince our elected representatives that we mean business — and that they must listen. People from all walks of life are joining in the call for a Farm Bill that:

- Invests in the future of healthy farms, food and people;
- Protects our precious air, soil and water; and
- Reforms farm subsidies and levels the playing field.

And the list goes on, from the tens of thousands of organized college students in the [Real Food Challenge](#), to [leaders in research and policy](#) development, to U.S. members of the global grassroots [Slow Food movement](#).

In short, access for all to adequate supplies of healthy food is a right that depends on a healthy, viable and just farming system. This must trump the interests of short-sighted, deep-pocketed agribusiness corporations. This means passing a 2012 Farm Bill that protects our nation's health, our farmers and our natural resources. And doing it now.

Please stick with us in this fight for a fair Farm Bill. The next few months are crucial.

[Take action »](#) Join the broad-based, national push for a 2012 Farm Bill. Our goal: 50,000 signatures to Congress.

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