

2007 Farm Bill Livestock Title

Promoting animal agriculture

The 2007 farm bill addresses animal health, livestock markets, and enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

- Creates a Special Counsel on Agricultural Competition at USDA for enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act and Agricultural Fair Practices Act. Activities relating to investigations and prosecutions will be combined into one office.
- Includes the House compromise on mandatory country of origin labeling with minor changes. Adds macadamia nuts as a covered commodity under the Act.
- Expands provisions of the Agricultural Fair Practices Act to producer members of associations or cooperatives.
- Makes arbitration in livestock and poultry contracts voluntary under the Packers and Stockyards Act.
- With some exceptions, requires 90 day notice for contract termination when the producer has made a capital investment of \$100,000 or more for the sole purposes of securing the contract.
- Provides USDA enforcement authority over live poultry dealers under the Packers and Stockyards Act.
- Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study of wholesale pork reporting under the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act.
- Amends the Animal Health Protection Act to make unauthorized use of information obtained through an animal identification system unlawful. Establishes parameters on the use of such information by the Secretary.
- Reauthorizes the National Sheep and Goat Industry Improvement Center, which provides assistance to sheep and goat producers for infrastructure development, business development, production, resource development, and market and environmental research. Provides \$1 million in mandatory funds.
- Includes a Sense of Congress outlining the threat that feral swine pose to the domestic swine population.
- Authorizes a voluntary national certification program for trichinae testing.