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## **House & Senate Approve Farm Bill—and Soy Growers Approve the Quick Progress!**

*Soybean industry now encourages President Trump to Sign Bill*

**Washington, D.C. December 13, 2018.** ASA congratulates the House and Senate Agriculture Committees and Congressional leadership on both chambers' quick actions to approve the "Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018," or Farm Bill. ASA now encourages the President to act quickly, in turn.

"We are so pleased that the Senate and now the House have acted so swiftly to approve this bipartisan effort," stated ASA President Davie Stephens, a soybean farmer from Clinton, Ky. "This legislation will undoubtedly provide a needed layer of stability and certainty for our soy industry and across agriculture. Timely passage of a new farm bill as opposed to another temporary extension this year will offer significant benefits to our industry, including resources for market development, crop insurance provisions, and more for the next five years."

The 13 titles of the Farm Bill span programs affecting producers of food, feed, fiber and fuel, and that offer assurance the federal government will continue to provide assistance, when needed, through farm income support programs, nutrition and feeding programs, and through conservation, rural development, agricultural research, energy, and international agricultural development and food aid programs.

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*The American Soybean Association (ASA) represents U.S. soybean farmers on domestic and international policy issues important to the soybean industry. ASA has 26 affiliated state associations representing 30 soybean producing states and more than 300,000 soybean farmers.*

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