



# NATIONAL YOUNG FARMERS COALITION

## 117TH CONGRESS POLICY PRIORITIES



These pillars are our first farmer-driven, equity-centered Congressional platform, the result of two years of farmer engagement, regional and affinity group meetings, a national priorities survey, and direction from a 15-farmer Policy Committee.



### **Racial Equity**

Young Farmers centers racial equity in our programs, policy, and advocacy campaigns. We recognize racial equity not as a pillar, but as the base upon which all policy priorities must stand.

### **Climate Action**

We need comprehensive climate legislation that provides resources to young farmers and farmers of color who will combat climate change and build farm resiliency into the future.

### **Land Access and Tenure**

Policies should focus on national farmland access and transition initiatives and incentives for the next generation of farmers, especially BIPOC farmers.

### **Access and Accountability to Federal Programs**

Federal programs should be implemented in the most accessible and equitable way possible for young and BIPOC farmers, with mechanisms that provide transparency and accountability.

### **Labor and Immigration**

Young Farmers will act as an ally and advocate for immigrants rights and better labor conditions in agriculture and in the food system.

### **Student Debt Relief**

We support student debt relief and reforms that will reduce the financial burden of higher education for young and BIPOC farmers.

The National Young Farmers Coalition is a non-profit advocacy network of beginning farmers, ranchers, and supporters working together for a brighter, more equitable future for U.S. agriculture.

Learn more and see the full platform at [youngfarmers.org/policysetting](https://youngfarmers.org/policysetting).

