

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.