

9. PROPOSED POLICY POSITION

PENDING FEDERAL FARM LEGISLATION

Background

The Southern Legislative Conference represents the interests of agriculture, industry and the citizens of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia, where farming, ranching and forestry are the largest industries. The Food Security Act of 1985 expires on December 31, 1990, obligating the Congress of the United States to consider omnibus farm legislation, wherein the interests of consumers for a safe, nutritious and reliable food supply at a reasonable cost is the ultimate goal.

Recommendation

The Southern Legislative Conference urges the Congress of the United States to pass the Farm legislation which is currently before them, S2830 and HR3950 as reported by the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture. This legislation continues programs and policies within the limits of budget constraints and will allow southern farmers to mitigate financial and physical risk to compete fairly in domestic and foreign markets and continue ecologically sound and successful programs without undue influence from government, radical environmentalists or consumer groups.

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