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FARM BILL STALLS AGAIN IN THE SENATE

AG COMMITTEE MARKUP ENDS IN DEADLOCK, RESUMPTION POSSIBLE IN SEPTEMBER

After months of negotiations and another push to move a new five-year Farm Bill forward, Congress is heading into its August recess without a bill advancing from the Senate Agriculture Committee.

The Senate Agriculture Committee convened Aug. 6 to consider the Agricultural Act of 2026, adopting a number of amendments before negotiations again broke down over changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP.

As reported by USA Pulses food and nutrition policy consultants Food Directions, following a 10-11 vote, Chairman John Boozman (R-Ark.) recessed the markup indefinitely, leaving the committee the option of returning to the legislation after the August congressional recess. The setback makes an already tight timeline for completing a new Farm Bill even tighter.

At the center of the disagreement is a requirement for states to share a portion of SNAP benefit costs. Democrats sought a two-year delay in implementing

the requirement, while Republicans offered a one-year delay. An amendment providing the two-year delay failed to advance.

Despite the impasse, committee members did find agreement on a number of provisions. Among the amendments adopted was one that would permanently transfer the Food for Peace program to USDA. The committee also approved provisions allowing hot rotisserie chicken to be purchased through SNAP and directing USDA and the U.S. Trade Representative to pursue a World Trade Organization-compliant path toward mandatory country-of-origin labeling for beef.

USA Pulses was also among agricultural organizations weighing in ahead of the markup. In an Aug. 5 coalition letter to Boozman and Ranking Member Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), the organizations urged the committee to preserve a uniform, science-based federal framework for pesticide labeling following the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Monsanto Co. v. Durnell*. During the markup, an amendment that would have allowed states to

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WEBINARS UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF PULSES

PULSE POTENTIAL HAS QUIETLY BUILT A FREE EDUCATIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE U.S. PULSE INDUSTRY.



Dr. Yukiko Naruoka presented the latest Pulse Potential webinar Aug. 5, offering an inside look at USA Pulses' research efforts and priorities.

Interested in the latest on pulse breeding? Curious about new uses for pulse ingredients? Looking for insight into consumer trends, international markets or what happens between the farm and the processor? Need some easy pulse industry listening while you're contemplating life in your cab?

There's a good chance *Pulse Potential* has you covered.

Since launching in 2024, the monthly webinar series has built a substantial archive, covering everything from production and breeding to processing, nutrition, food aid and international markets. Taken together, it's become something more than a monthly webinar series. It's a free educational library covering a surprisingly broad cross-section of the pulse industry.

Pulse Potential began in 2024 when the Northern Pulse Growers Association (NPGA) teamed up with the Northern Crops Institute (NCI) to launch the monthly webinar series. NPGA has sponsored the series since its inception.

"The Pulse Potential webinar series has been a successful collaboration with Northern Crops Institute over the past three years," said NPGA Executive Director Shannon Berndt. NPGA's

investment of producer checkoff resources has helped make the webinars available free of charge and open to the public.

The goal is straightforward: provide education about pulse production and uses that can help increase demand and farmers' desire to grow pulses. Along the way, the series explores the uses and benefits of pulses, trends and innovations, market drivers and the path from producer to processor. Each month brings a different expert and a new topic.

Pulse Potential is one of [several educational webinar series](#) offered through NCI, alongside programs covering global commodity markets, cereal innovation and advances in animal feeding. Pulse Potential carves out its own corner of that educational lineup, focusing specifically on pulse production, uses, markets and innovation.

Latest in the Series

The latest addition to the Pulse Potential library comes from Dr. Yukiko Naruoka, Director of Research and Seed Management at USA Pulses.

Dr. Naruoka presented "Inside USA Pulses' Research: From Strategy to Innovation, Shaping the Future of Farm-to-Fork" on August 5, offering viewers a look inside the research efforts helping

shape the future of the U.S. pulse industry. At USA Pulses, she oversees U.S. pulse crop research, supports strategic planning and implementation, and helps lead the development of U.S. seed management.

If you missed her live presentation, you haven't missed your chance to see it. The recording is now part of the [Pulse Potential archive](#) and can be watched free through NCI.

Naruoka isn't the first USA Pulses staff member to contribute to Pulse Potential. Madison Washington (formerly Jacobson) has appeared twice in the series, while Naruoka herself is a returning presenter. Their participation is just one part of a much broader lineup of researchers and industry professionals who have shared their knowledge through Pulse Potential.

A Growing Library, Available Anytime

One of the strengths of Pulse Potential is that its usefulness doesn't end when the live webinar does.

NCI maintains recordings dating back to the series' beginning in 2024. The subjects vary widely, giving growers and other industry members the opportunity to dig into the topics most relevant to them.

Spend a little time in the archive and you'll quickly find your own areas of interest. A few that

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PULSE MARKET NEWS

Today's Exchange Rate:
1 Canadian dollar = 0.71 U.S. \$ (Bank of Canada)

PULSE PRICE CHART (Grower Prices in U.S. \$/cwt. on #1 Grade)				
Pacific Northwest	August 7, 2026	July 24, 2026	AVG	LAST YR
Green Peas (whole)	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.00-15.50	\$ 12.00	\$ 14.25
Yellow Peas (whole)	\$ NA	\$ NA	\$ NA	\$ NA
Lentils (Brewer)	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 27.00
Lentils (Pardina)	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 28.00
Chickpeas (Large Kabuli)	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 30.00
Northern Plains				
Green Peas	\$ 11.25-12.50	\$ 11.25-14.17	\$ 11.88	\$ 15.00
Yellow Peas	\$ 8.00-10.83	\$ 8.00-10.83	\$ 8.96	\$ 9.95
Lentils (Richlea)	\$ 10.00-15.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 20.00
Chickpeas (Large Kabuli)	\$ 19.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 21.88
Canada	U.S. \$/cwt. Revised July 29, 2026			
Green Peas	\$ 10.12	\$ 10.12		
Yellow Peas	\$ 8.99	\$ 9.02		
Feed Peas	\$ 9.57	\$ 9.63		
Lentils (Laird)	\$ 16.02	\$ 16.54		
Lentils (Red)	\$ 14.98	\$ 15.34		
Lentils (Richlea)	\$ 15.07	\$ 15.50		
Chickpeas (Desi)	\$ 9.41	\$ 9.41		
Chickpeas (Kabuli 9mm)	\$ 18.03	\$ 18.03		



Compared to last week, trade remained light. According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Acreage Report released June 30, 2026, planted acreage declined across all four major pulse crops compared with 2025. Dry bean acreage fell from 1.366 million acres in 2025 to 1.161 million acres in 2026. Chickpea acreage declined from 536,000 to 482,000 acres, lentil acreage dropped from 1.072 million to 747,000 acres, and dry pea acreage decreased from 1.173 million to 1.047 million acres (Bean Market News).

▪ Market prices contained in this newsletter may or may not reflect actual market conditions at the time of sale.

▪ U.S. prices are gathered from [USDA Bean Market News](#) which uses averages based on U.S. #1 production from the date surveyed and are for thresher run, clean basis.

▪ Canadian prices are gathered from the [Saskatchewan government](#).

Northern Tier: Prices reported on a cwt basis, Del warehouse, thresher run and U.S. No. 2 or better.

PNW: Prices reported on a cwt basis, Del warehouse, thresher run and U.S. No. 1.

BEAN PRICE TRACKER

Prices published on Aug. 3, 2026

BEAN PRICE CHART (Dealer Prices in U.S. Bag / 100lb #1 grade)				
COMMODITY	PRICE RANGE	AVG PRICE	PRIOR WEEK	YR AGO
BLACK BEANS				
North Dakota / Minnesota	\$ 28.00-35.00	\$ 31.67	\$ 28.00-32.00	\$ 27.00
Michigan	\$ 28.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 28.00	\$ NA
DARK RED KIDNEYS				
Min-Dak Region	\$ NR	\$ NR	\$ NR	\$ NA
LIGHT RED KIDNEYS				
Min-Dak Region	\$ NR	\$ NR	\$ NR	\$ NA
NAVY BEANS				
Min-Dak Region	\$ 29.00-30.00	\$ 29.50	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.50
Michigan	\$ 31.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 31.00	\$ NA
PINTO				
Min-Dak Region	\$ 30.00-35.00	\$ 32.33	\$ 30.00-35.00	\$ 27.00

Prices reported FOB warehouse in truck and rail car lots, basis U.S. No. 1's and cleaned in cwt bags.



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WASHINGTON UPDATE: ASSISTANCE AND USDA PROGRAM IN FOCUS

As the Senate prepares to adjourn for its August recess, USA Pulses government affairs representatives at Gordley Associates report that lawmakers are working to extend fiscal year 2026 funding through December while also attempting to move forward with a potential reconciliation bill that could include economic assistance for agriculture. It remains unclear whether Senate Republicans have enough votes to advance the reconciliation bill.

Meanwhile, USDA has announced several actions affecting producers, including additional flexibility for crop insurance payments, reinstatement of an additional 5% prevented planting coverage option and a series of listening sessions as the department develops its Data Modernization Plan.

The Risk Management Agency is allowing approved insurance providers to give producers up to 60 additional days to pay certain crop insurance premiums and fees for scheduled billing dates between July 1 and Sept. 30, 2026. RMA is also reinstating the option to purchase an additional 5% prevented planting coverage beginning with crops associated with the Aug. 31, 2026, filing date for the 2027 crop year.

Disaster Assistance Available

Federal disaster assistance is also available following some of the severe weather events that have affected the Northwest. In Washington, eligible farmers with uninsured losses from the severe December 2025 storms and flooding may qualify

for assistance through federal disaster programs, depending on the type of loss and individual eligibility.

In Idaho, a federal major disaster declaration was approved for 10 counties affected by the December 2025 straight-line windstorm, including Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis and Clearwater counties. The declaration provides federal public assistance to eligible government entities and certain nonprofit organizations. Direct assistance to individual agricultural producers under that declaration has not been confirmed.

Drought and Flooding Impact Montana

USDA has designated Dawson, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan and Wibaux counties in Montana as primary natural disaster areas because of severe or extreme drought. Farmers in those counties, along with eligible producers in neighboring counties, may be considered for Farm Service Agency emergency loan assistance. Eligible producers have eight months from the date of the disaster declaration to apply and should contact their local FSA office for eligibility requirements and application information.

Severe flooding in and around Glasgow has also affected Montana agricultural producers. Gov. Greg Gianforte issued a state disaster declaration in response to the storms. The Northern Pulse Growers Association said it will continue to share information and resources with producers as they become available.

NEW TAKE YOUR PULSE MAGAZINE ONLINE!

The Summer/Fall 2026 issue of Take Your Pulse is here, with stories spanning international markets, cutting-edge research, food innovation and the people creating new opportunities for U.S.-grown pulses.

Inside, readers will find coverage of the USA Pulses Summit in Orlando, new research linking pulse consumption with better cardiometabolic health, the latest science surrounding pulses in pet food, and efforts to address transportation and logistics challenges.

And because pulses belong in the kitchen, too, the new issue includes a collection of summer pulse recipes from USA Pulses Marketing Project Manager and Chef Jacob Slabaugh.

Read the Summer/Fall 2026 issue of Take Your Pulse:

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PULSE POTENTIAL CONT.

caught this editor's attention include [Dr. Perry Miller's look](#) at using very tall stubble to increase pulse crop yields and manage wind erosion risk, [Dr. Marilyn Warburton's exploration](#) of the National Plant Germplasm System and pulse breeding success stories, and Columbia Grain former [CEO Jeff Van Pevenage's discussion](#) of pulse processing, shipping, overseas delivery and global potential.

Across the archive, webinars have explored pulse crop production, breeding and genetics, ingredient functionality, processing, nutrition, consumer appeal, global markets and food aid, among other subjects. That range also makes the archive useful beyond the farm. Processors, researchers, marketers, food companies and others throughout the pulse supply chain can find presentations relevant to their work.

And because the recordings remain available online, viewers don't have to wait for a particular topic to come around again. The archive can be searched whenever there's a question to answer or a subject worth exploring.

More Pulse Potential Ahead

The library is still growing.

The next [Pulse Potential webinar is scheduled](#) for September 2, when USDA Agricultural Research Service scientist Svetlana Yurgel will discuss "Rhizobium-Legume Symbiosis and its Role in Crop Disease Resistance and Production."

On October 1, Chelsea Diding, founder of A Legume a Day, will explore "Beans and Other Pulses: Trends and Benefits of the Ultimate Superfood."

The series continues November 4 with Wan-Yuan Kuo, associate professor and director of the Food Product Development Lab at Montana State University, presenting "Global Pulse Crop Innovation and Market Exploration."

Rounding out the year on December 2 is Douglas Cook, distinguished professor at the University of California, Davis and chief scientific officer of NuCicer Inc. His presentation, "Translating Academic Discovery to Real-World Outcomes, More Than Serendipity: A Journey Through the Lens of Legume Biology," will explore the path from scientific discovery to

practical application.

Like the rest of the Pulse Potential series, the upcoming webinars are free and open to the public.

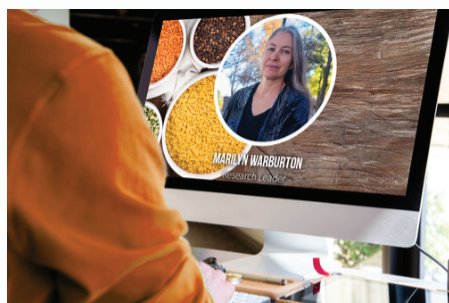
Tap Into Pulse Potential

Whether you're interested in what's happening in a pulse field, a research lab, a processing facility, a food company or a market halfway around the world, chances are there's something in the Pulse Potential archive worth watching.

And that may be the real value of what NPGA and NCI have built. A webinar happens on a particular morning. A *library* sticks around.

Watch [Dr. Yukiko Naruoka's August 5 presentation](#), explore previous Pulse Potential webinars and find information about upcoming presentations at NCI's Pulse Potential webpage.

[Explore the Pulse Potential webinar series and archive](#) 



Pulse Breeding Success Stories with Marilyn Warburton

Enjoy watching the Pulse Potential webinar from Wednesday, March 4th. Dr. Marilyn Warburton, Research Leader at the USDA ARS Plant Germplasm Introduction and Testing Research Unit, discussed "The USDA ARS National Plant Germplasm System: Pulse Breeding Success Stories".



sing Very Tall Stubble to Increase Pulse Crop Yields and Manage Wind Erosion Risk with Dr. Perry Miller

Enjoy watching the Pulse Potential webinar from Wednesday, November 5th. This webinar featured Dr. Perry Miller, professor of Cropping Systems at Montana State University who discussed "Using Very Tall Stubble to Increase Pulse Crop Yields and Manage Wind Erosion Risk".



Safely Cultivating High Quality Ingredients From Our Local Farmers Who Nourish the World with Jeff Van Pevenage

Enjoy watching the Pulse Potential webinar from Wednesday, May 1st! This webinar featured Jeff Van Pevenage, President & CEO of Columbia Grain, who presented on pulse processing worldwide such as pulse shipping, processing steps, overseas delivery, global potential, and more.



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FARM BILL STALLS CONT.

continue requiring certain pesticide warning labels failed to be adopted.

For agriculture, the latest delay extends a Farm Bill process that has already stretched well beyond the normal five-year cycle.

Food Directions also reported that Boozman acknowledged just how difficult the path forward has become, saying it would take a “miracle” to move the legislation out of committee, secure passage by the full Senate and get a bill signed into law before the midterm elections.



Friday Funny!

If you know, you know.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 22.....National Lentil Festival
- Aug. 25-27 Qingdao Pulses Congress
- Aug. 31..... NCI Pulses Ingredients Course
- Sept. 7 Labor Day (Office Closed)
- Sept. 9 Research Comm. Mtg.
- Sept. 14-18 America's Food & Bev Show, Miami
- Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Food Tech Summit Mex. City

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Table Update: USDA's 2026 crop year loan rates took effect May 1. The summary table now displays 2026 and 2025 loan rates and National Posted Prices side by side for comparison. Current National Posted Prices remain above loan rates for all pulse categories, resulting in no Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) being available.

PULSE CROP LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP) RATES

USDA 2025-26 National Posted Price and Loan Rate Summary													
New Loan Rates Eff: May 1		Dry Peas				Lentils				Large Chickpeas		Small Chickpeas	
		West		Midwest		West		Midwest		All		All	
Pulse Loan Rate: #2 Grade		2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
		\$7.18	\$6.10	\$6.85	\$6.15	\$14.30	\$13.00	\$14.30	\$13.00	\$15.40	\$14.00	\$11.00	\$10.00
July 31, 2026	NPP	\$11.33	\$13.89	\$11.00	\$13.94	\$20.65	\$37.44	\$20.65	\$37.44	\$17.02	\$36.11	\$12.06	\$28.89
	LDP												
July 24, 2026	NPP	\$11.33	\$13.89	\$11.00	\$13.94	\$20.65	\$37.44	\$20.65	\$37.44	\$16.97	\$36.11	\$11.97	\$28.89
	LDP												
Midwest region: all counties in Montana and North Dakota, plus all counties in all other states not in the West Region.													
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