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## 2007 Farm Bill Must Fight Hunger Here and Abroad

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**ISSUE:** The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture is marking up the 2007 Farm Bill (H.R. 2419) **this week**.

**BACKGROUND:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Catholic Charities USA, and Catholic Relief Services are working together to promote policies in the 2007 Farm Bill that support rural communities and family farms; strengthen and expand domestic anti-hunger programs; promote conservation and good stewardship of the land; ensure safe living and working conditions for farmworkers; promote fairness for farmers in developing countries; and provide food security aid efficiently and effectively to hungry people worldwide.

The U.S. Bishops have stated that "the primary goals of agricultural policies should be providing food for all people and reducing poverty among farmers and farmworkers in this country and abroad." ([For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food: Catholic Reflections on Food, Farmers and Farmworkers](#), USCCB, 2003).

**ACTION:** Send an email message urging your U.S. Representative to vote for broad reform in the Farm Bill and support assistance for those who need it most and funding for nutrition, conservation and rural development.