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The Farm Bill is one of the most important pieces of legislation in the US. Negotiated and signed every five to seven years, it has tremendous implications for food production, nutrition assistance, habitat conservation, international trade, and many other fields. Yet at nearly 1,000 pages, it is difficult for policymakers—let alone citizens—to understand. As Congress is now working to write and refine the 2023 farm bill, all consumers and nutrition educators need to understand its implications and opportunities to make a positive influence.

This presentation will include an overview of what the farm bill is and what it covers, a brief history of how it was created, and how it has changed over time. Christina will review how it affects various social and environmental factors, including how dietitians and their patients are affected by the farm bill as both taxpayers and consumers. Finally, she will recommend how dietitians can work and advocate for a more just and sustainable food system through affecting the farm bill itself and through their day-to-day work in food service, clinical care, nutrition education, and other practice areas.