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Federal Advocacy Landscape: TEFAP & CSFP

Household and Community Feeding

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Session Agenda

- Introduction to session and topic
- Administrative Updates/Rulemaking
- Legislative Updates
 - Farm Bill
 - Appropriations
- Audience Q&A

Rulemaking

- **On August 14, 2023, USDA announced proposed rule changes**
 - Entitled “Food Distribution Programs: Improving Access & Parity Proposed Rule”
 - Potential changes for:
 - TEFAP
 - CSFP
 - FDPIR
 - Disaster
- **Public comment period closed October 13, 2023, Final Rule Expected in August 2024**

TEFAP Provisions

▪ Income Eligibility:

- **Current:** There is no required income eligibility range.
- **Proposed:** Eligibility guidelines set between 185% to 250% of the federal poverty level.

▪ Residency:

- **Current:** Address must be collected (to extent practicable).
- **Proposed:** Disallows collecting proof of address (via identification).

▪ Publicly Available Information:

- **Current:** States must maintain a list of ERA's.
- **Proposed:** States must publish that list, and eligibility information, on a public webpage annually.

▪ Report on Individuals Served:

- **Current:** Distribution sites collect number of people in household.
- **Proposed:** States must collect and report individuals served to USDA.

▪ Confidentiality

- **Current:** No requirement.
- **Proposed:** Participant information must be kept confidential; limits on disclosure to those administering program.

▪ Remote, Rural, and Tribal

- **Current:** USDA encourages distribution in rural areas.
- **Proposed:** Encourage distribution in remote, rural, and tribal areas.

CSFP Provisions

■ Income Eligibility:

- **Current:** Maximum allowed is 130% of federal poverty level.
- **Proposed:** Increase to 150%; request comment on 185%.

■ Categorical Eligibility:

- **Current:** Not allowed.
- **Proposed:** Requesting comment on allowing eligibility via participation in other federal means-tested programs.

■ Publicly Available Information:

- **Current:** No requirement.
- **Proposed:** States must publish list of accept points and state plan on a public webpage annually.

■ Identity Verification:

- **Current:** Participant ID must be verified.
- **Proposed:** States may implement alternative methods to verify ID.

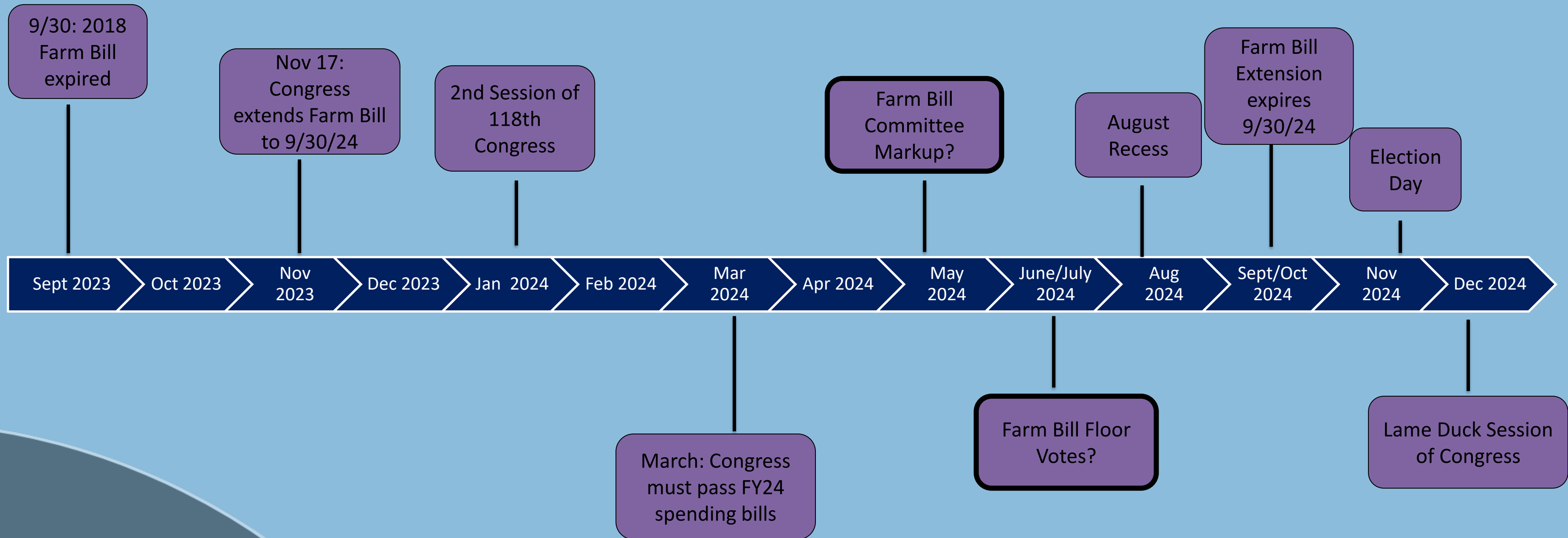
■ Referrals

- **Current:** No requirement.
- **Proposed:** Information and referrals must be shared about SFMNP.

Farm Bill

- ✓ Every Farm Bill has passed with bipartisan support, currently there is not a consensus around a bipartisan Farm Bill in either chamber.
- ✓ Committees have draft versions of a Farm Bill and working to build bipartisan support.
- ✓ Feeding America is in the process of laying significant groundwork to limit risk to SNAP and make the case to increase SNAP access and TEFAP funding and reauthorize CSFP.
- ✓ **Future adjustments to SNAP Thrifty Food Plan (TFP), restrictions on CCC authority and SNAP purchases are emerging threats.**
- ✓ Last November Congress extended the Farm Bill when it passed a continuing resolution. **The bill expires on September 30, 2024.**

Farm Bill Timeline



Farm Bill Priorities

TEFAP + CSFP



Double funding for
TEFAP food
purchases



Increase funding for
TEFAP storage and
distribution & fund
infrastructure
grants



Reauthorize CSFP



Reduce administrative
burden for program
participants +
streamlining reporting
requirements.

TEFAP Farm Bill Priorities Continued



Continue to provide \$15 million per year for TEFAP infrastructure grants. This program helps expand the capacity and infrastructure of food banks in rural areas.



Boost funding for the TEFAP Farm to Food Bank Program, which funds state projects to harvest, package and transport food donations from local farmers.

Appropriations

- Fully fund federal nutrition programs in the FY 2024 Appropriations bill
- Fully fund TEFAP storage and distribution account at \$100 million
- Invest \$15 million to fully fund the TEFAP rural infrastructure grant
- Protect Section 32 and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funding and authority
- Provide \$390 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) to ensure this discretionary program can maintain its caseload to meet the needs of seniors struggling with hunger
- Fully fund the Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

QUESTIONS?

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