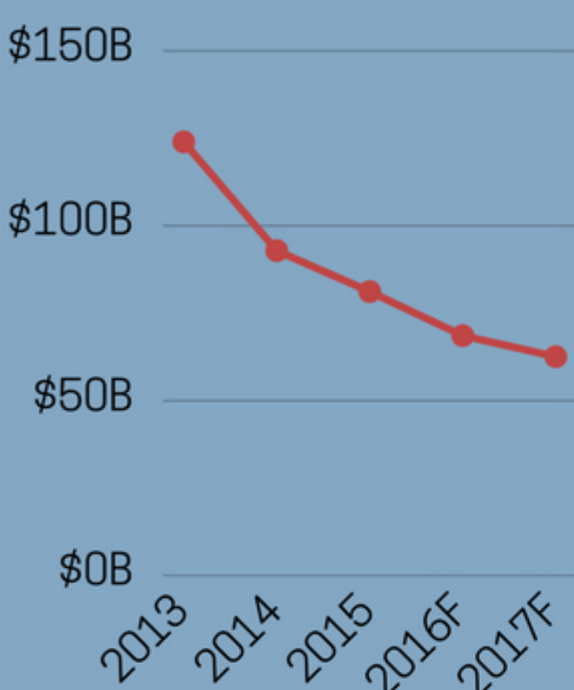


# CONFRONTING THE FARM CRISIS



THERE IS AN ECONOMIC CRISIS BREWING IN FARM COUNTRY...  
**HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

## FARMERS' INCOMES ARE PLUMMETING



NET FARM INCOME

**-50%**

IN LAST FOUR YEARS



Median farm household income is projected to be **-\$1,400** in 2017

*Forecasts by USDA Economic Research Service*

## WHAT A 50% DECLINE IN INCOME LOOKS LIKE



**\$43,700**

**\$21,850**

GRADE SCHOOL TEACHER



**\$36,600**

**\$18,300**

CONSTRUCTION WORKER



**\$53,500**

**\$26,750**

POLICE OFFICER

## IMPACTS OF A FARM CRISIS



### ON-FARM

Years of negative income force many farm families to make tough decisions, including whether or not to even continue farming. This is very hard for new farmers who are highly leveraged and have not had time to build up capital.



### SOCIAL

Farm crises can wreak social havoc within rural communities, particularly those who are reliant upon agriculture. As more farmers are forced out of business and off their land, fewer people remain in rural and farming communities.



### ECONOMIC

The output of U.S. farmers contributes \$137 billion to our country's GDP, and supports about 11 percent of all U.S. employment. What is bad for family farmers is bad for the country.

## RESOURCES THAT HELP FARMERS



### FARM PROGRAMS

Notably, farmers have programs in the Farm Bill that help them manage either collapses in the prices they receive for their crops, or their revenue. The Farm Bill also includes assistance during disasters.



### CROP INSURANCE

Farmers and ranchers purchase crop insurance to protect themselves against weather-related losses or loss of revenue due to price decline. The government subsidizes farmers' premiums to make it more affordable.



### MEDIATION

Agriculture mediation programs provide support to farmers struggling to meet financial obligations. An impartial mediator works to help producers and their lenders discuss conflicts and work to find solutions.



### ADVOCATES & HOTLINES

Neighbors, community leaders, farm advocates, and hotlines provide meaningful support and advice for struggling family farmers.

## CONFRONT THE FARM CRISIS



**SUPPORT STRONG FARM PROGRAMS**



**SPREAD THE WORD TO FAMILY, NEIGHBORS, AND FRIENDS**



**VOLUNTEER TO PROVIDE SUPPORT**

IF YOU ARE A FARMER WHO NEEDS HELP,  
CALL THE **FARM AID HOTLINE**

**1-800-FARM-AID (1-800-327-6243)**

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