

## Opportunities for Fairness in Farming (OFF) Act

(S. 557 and H.R. 1249)

Introduced in 2023 and re-introduced in 2025

### **OFF Act Specifics:**

- Link to legislation: <https://www.lee.senate.gov/services/files/F15D3550-9580-4398-BD12-8A3447BC10A7>

The Opportunities for Fairness in Farming (OFF) Act would:

- Prohibit checkoff boards with an annual assessment revenue of over \$20 million from entering into contracts to carry out checkoff activities with parties that also work to influence government policy.
  - Exempt institutions of higher education.
- Prohibit board members and employees of checkoff programs from engaging in any act that may involve a conflict of interest.
- Prohibit engagement in anticompetitive activity, deceptive practices, or disparaging practice.
- Require that contracts entered into by the board be recorded to describe goods and services provided/costs incurred.
- Require checkoff boards to publicize a transparent budget.
- Require periodic audits of checkoff boards by the Inspector General of USDA.
- Require periodic audits of checkoff boards by the Comptroller General.