

# Report Language Requests

## Risk Management Agency (RMA)

*Included in FY 2023 Senate & House Reports*

**Alfalfa.**—The Committee recognizes alfalfa to be an important domestic forage crop valued for nitrogen fixation, soil conservation, crop rotation, and as a natural habitat. From 2004 through 2023, alfalfa acreage has declined 27.8 percent. The Committee encourages RMA to explore the creation of a revenue and/or quality alfalfa crop insurance policy to ensure producers have a safety net that they need to produce this important crop.

## Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

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**Alfalfa Conservation Utilization.**—The Committee recognizes alfalfa as a climate smart commodity with an exceptional capacity for carbon sequestration and decreased reliance on synthetic nitrogen fertilizers. The Committee urges the Secretary to incentivize the use and integration of alfalfa in NRCS programs to capitalize on the unique environmental and conservation benefits it brings to the agricultural landscape.

## National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and/or Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

**Alfalfa Price Discovery & Reporting.**—The Committee recognizes alfalfa as the Nation's fourth most valuable field crop. In order to provide critical data for this crop to better participate in ad hoc programs and the creation of a revenue alfalfa crop insurance policy to ensure producers have a safety net they need to produce alfalfa, the Committee directs NASS and/or AMS to enhance price discovery across the country for this important crop. Additionally, the Committee directs NASS to include the Southeast in its crop production reporting.