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### **NAFA URGES SWIFT SENATE PASSAGE OF FARM BILL**

St. Paul, MN – The U.S. House of Representatives passed the 2014 Farm Bill compromise agreement Wednesday by a vote of 251-166. The National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance (NAFA) urges the Senate to follow suit to provide producers the certainty they need as they make planting decisions for the coming year.

“We’re very pleased the House has acted to pass the 2014 Farm Bill compromise,” said NAFA President Beth Nelson. “Most importantly, we’re very happy the legislation provides planting flexibility for producers while still maintaining an adequate safety net. With alfalfa’s distinction as one of the only major crops in the U.S. which is not considered a program crop, it was extremely important to NAFA that potential support payments provided by the bill’s Price Loss and Ag Risk Coverage were decoupled from current year plantings.”

The bill also directs USDA to make the research and development of new insurance products for underserved commodities such as alfalfa a priority, an objective NAFA has been urging for some time.

“We’re hoping for swift passage of the Farm Bill in the Senate,” Nelson added. “It’s time to move forward and enjoy the certainty this bill will provide for the next five years.”

The Senate is expected to take up consideration of the bill as soon as Friday.

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