American Agriculture Movement, Inc.
Statement of Farm Policy

The American Agriculture Movement (AAM), was founded in 1977 with a goal of economic Parity for family farmers and ranchers. Growing out of an authentic, spontaneous, grassroots movement following the cataclysmic crash of farm gate prices in the mid-1970s, organized peaceful protests across the country to bring attention to the plight of America’s family farmers and ranchers. The USDA at that time estimated there were 1,500,000 active participants. The culmination of these actions was a National Tractorcade to Washington, DC in the winter of 1979 where 10’s of thousands of farmers on their tractors drove into Washington, DC and set up camp on the National Mall. AAM continues to work toward that same goal of economic Parity for family farmers and ranchers as we deal with, yet another farm crisis brought on by failed farm policies. Continuing our endeavor to bring about a more equitable farm economy and do so in a more fiscally responsible manner, AAM’ s recommends that Farm Policy focus on several key elements:

1. Re-establishment of the non-recourse loan program to provide a floor price at the cost of production for the major, strategic commodities and relieve the burden of tens of billions of dollars in subsidies from the shoulders of America's taxpayers.
2. Re-establishment of a U.S. reserve of the basic storable commodities; a significant portion of that reserve should be a Farmer Owned Reserve (FOR) for:
   - Domestic Food Security;
   - Domestic Energy security; and
   - International Famine Relief
   - Producers do not want more subsides, they want a fair price from the marketplace.
3. Continuation of the Energy Title of the farm bill to assist the nation in truly achieving American energy independence and to provide additional, local marketing opportunities for America's farmers including:
   - Continued development and use of renewable fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel;
   - Expansion of the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP);
   - Incentives for producing fossil-free Biofuels and advanced Biofuels;
   - Incentives to use biomass for cogeneration as well as industrial heat and power
4. Continuation of the On-Farm Storage Facility Loan Program.
5. County of Origin Labeling for all imported agriculture products
6. Do not allow any imported agriculture product to enter the U.S. at less than the cost of production.
7. Expand the cap on acres enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).
8. Establish Permanent Disaster Programs for all agriculture crops.
9. AAM supports cottonseed being on the list of oil seed crops.
10. Continue foreign food aid programs such as Food for Peace and have U.S. produced commodities shipped to areas of need on US flagged vessels.
11. Funding for Rural Healthcare including Mental Healthcare facilities.
12. Providing funding for Rural Broadband.