

AAM Senter On The Hill 9-27-18

Corky Jones, past President of AAM, and I along with farmers from across the country traveled to Farm Aid this past weekend in Hartford, Connecticut, for us this was our 33rd year to attend the annual Farm Aid event. It was a perfect Fall day with a sell-out crowd of 24,000 who were on their feet supporting family farmers and hearing amazing music from the top artists in the country. The show featured Willie Nelson, John Mellencamp, Neil Young, Dave Matthews, Chris Stapleton, Sturgill Simpson, Kacey Musgraves, Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, Jamey Johnson, Margo Price, Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real, Particle Kid, Ian Mellencamp and David Amram. I want to thank all the entertainers for donating their time to support America's Family Farmers and the great work that Farm Aid does every day. I was honored to receive the **Spirit of Farm Aid** Award at this year's event.

My concerns expressed in an earlier article about Congress's ability to get the Farm Bill finished, just came true. Congress is not going to finish the Farm Bill before the current bill expires on Sunday. Our Lame Duck Speaker in the House and Republican Leaders are refusing to compromise on welfare reforms contained in the House passed Farm Bill. With producers facing below cost of production prices as well as mounting fallout from the Trade War, farmers need a Farm Bill. Congress needs to step up and do their job or else voters may do theirs in November. We don't need the best Farm Bill corporate money can buy, we need a Farm Bill that supports producers and provides fairness and justice to them.

More to come soon,

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