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## Toplines – May 2024

2236 Interviews

**Q1. In 2022, Congress increased funding for agricultural conservation programs by \$20 billion as part of the Inflation Reduction Act, to help America’s farmers and ranchers build resilience in the face of increasingly extreme weather driven by our changing climate. Do you support or oppose this action?**

	Total	Democrats	Pure Ind	Republicans
Strongly support	39%	54%	30%	26%
Somewhat support	32	34	31	30
Somewhat oppose	9	4	8	15
Strongly oppose	9	2	12	15
Not sure	11	7	19	14
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Total Oppose</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>

**Q2. Some in Congress want to repurpose this \$20 billion in conservation funding toward subsidies that would disproportionately benefit a small percentage of the largest farm operations in the next Farm Bill. Would you prefer to see Congress keep these funds dedicated to conservation programs as originally intended or repurpose them for these other purposes?**

	Total	Democrats	Pure Ind	Republicans
I would prefer that Congress keep these funds dedicated to conservation programs	72%	82%	64%	64%
I would prefer that Congress repurpose these funds toward subsidies that disproportionately benefit large farm operations	8	7	7	10
Not sure	20	11	29	25

*Polling was conducted online from May 10 - 15, 2024. Using Dynamic Online Sampling to attain a representative sample, Embold polled 2000 likely 2024 general voters in PA, AR, GA, MN, IA, CO, SD, MI, MT, WI. Post-stratification was performed on age, gender, race/ethnicity, region, and 2020 presidential vote. You can see a full methodology statement [here](#), which complies with the requirements of AAPOR's Transparency Initiative. Members of the Transparency Initiative disclose all relevant details about our research, with the principle that the public should be able to evaluate and understand research-based findings, in order to instill and restore public confidence in survey results.*

**Q3. If your representative in Congress voted to decrease funding for conservation programs in the next Farm Bill, would that make you more or less likely to vote for that representative in the next election?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Pure Ind</b>	<b>Republicans</b>
Much more likely	6%	5%	5%	8%
Somewhat more likely	7	5	6	8
Makes no difference	19	15	17	24
Somewhat less likely	22	26	23	18
Much less likely	30	37	29	24
Not sure	16	12	21	19
<b>Total More Likely</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Total Less Likely</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>41</b>

**Q4. According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, major disasters and extreme weather events – such as drought, floods, and wildfires – caused over \$21 billion in crop losses for American farmers and ranchers in 2023 alone.**

**Knowing this, how important do you believe it is for the Farm Bill to include provisions that specifically help build American farms’ resilience to these types of extreme weather events?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Pure Ind</b>	<b>Republicans</b>
Very important	50%	61%	40%	42%
Somewhat important	32	29	35	34
Not too important	6	4	7	7
Not at all important	4	1	4	8
Not sure	8	5	13	9
<b>Total Important</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>Total Not Important</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>

**Q5. Agriculture accounts for approximately 21% of total carbon emissions globally. Carbon emissions play a central role in increasing the frequency of extreme weather events. Knowing this, how important is it for the Farm Bill to include funding for practices that specifically aim to reduce carbon emissions from farms and other agricultural operations? (For example, planting cover crops or utilizing no-till or reduced-tillage cultivation.)**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Pure Ind</b>	<b>Republicans</b>
Very important	36%	66%	32%	10%
Somewhat important	22	24	25	19
Not too important	11	3	12	17
Not at all important	24	1	20	46
Not sure	7	6	11	7
<b>Total Important</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Total Not Important</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>64</b>

**Q6. The \$20 billion in conservation funding passed by Congress was specifically directed toward conservation practices that have proven to be more effective in building farms' resilience in the face of increasingly extreme weather (such as droughts, floods, and wildfires) and reducing carbon emissions that help drive these disasters.**

**Do you support directing this funding toward these more effective conservation practices, or would you prefer to direct the funding toward any conservation practice regardless of its effectiveness in building farms' resilience to extreme weather or reducing carbon emissions?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Pure Ind</b>	<b>Republicans</b>
I would prefer to direct conservation funding toward practices that are more effective in building farms' resilience to extreme weather and reducing carbon emissions	52%	73%	44%	35%
I would prefer to direct conservation funding toward any practice, regardless of its effectiveness in building farms' resilience to extreme weather or reducing carbon emissions	25	14	26	36
Not sure	23	14	30	29

**Q7. Today, some in Congress want to remove the requirement that the \$20 billion in conservation funding be directed only toward conservation practices that have proven to be more effective in building farms' resilience to extreme weather and reducing carbon emissions. Would you support or oppose Congress taking such an action?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Pure Ind</b>	<b>Republicans</b>
Strongly support	14%	11%	16%	16%
Somewhat support	20	19	15	22
Somewhat oppose	16	16	16	16
Strongly oppose	31	39	28	24
Not sure	19	14	25	22
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Total Oppose</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>41</b>

**Q8. If your representative in Congress voted to remove the requirement that the \$20 billion in conservation funding be directed toward conservation practices that have proven to be more effective in building farms' resilience to extreme weather and reducing carbon emissions, would that make you more or less likely to vote for that representative in the next election?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Pure Ind</b>	<b>Republicans</b>
Much more likely	10%	7%	12%	12%
Somewhat more likely	9	8	6	12
Makes no difference	19	15	15	23
Somewhat less likely	19	22	23	14
Much less likely	25	33	21	18
Not sure	19	15	22	21
<b>Total More Likely</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Total Less Likely</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>32</b>