Climate Smart Agriculture and Congress

July 12, 2016

The 2018 Farm Bill and Beyond...
Outline:

- 2018 Farm Bill timeline
- Public Policy and Advocacy 101
- Existing Policies / Building Blocks for Climate Smart Ag and Forestry
- Questions and Discussion
Soil Health

- NRCS technical assistance and new hires
- Conservation Innovation Grant $

Nitrogen Stewardship

- More Conservation Innovation Grant $

Livestock Partnerships

- Rural Development Rural Energy for America financing for Digesters
Conservation of Sensitive Lands

- $4 million investment in CRP acres in forested riparian buffers

Grazing and Pasturelands

- $700,000 + investment to improve GHG markets, including Conservation Innovation Grants
Private Forest Growth and Retention
- USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy
- Land and Water Conservation Program

Stewardship of Federal Forests
- Insect and Disease Treatment Program
- Cross-boundary treatment authority

Promotion of Wood Products
- Wood Innovation Grants
- Tall Wood Building Competition

Stewardship of Urban Forests
- Tree planting, carbon and water runoff benefits
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

- Rural Energy Savings Program
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Loan Program
- Rural Energy for America Program
  - $50 million mandatory annually
  - Grants and loan guarantees
  - Producers and rural small businesses are eligible
Questions and Discussion

sean_babington@ag.senate.gov

202-228-2517