

# PRINCETON MODEL CONGRESS

**Committee:**

**Principal Author:**

**Bill No:**

**Delegation:**

**Title of Bill:**

**An Act to Reduce Government Subsidy Spending**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PRINCETON MODEL CONGRESS

1 Preamble: Whereas \$114,024,265,743 has been appropriated to the U.S. Department of  
2 Agriculture (USDA) over the past seven years for subsidies, and since 10% of the total  
3 USDA subsidy payment recipients were paid 65% of the total USDA subsidies in 2002, and  
4 since subsidized farm operations drove small farmers off their land to cause a 15% decline  
5 in the number of farmers from 1987 to 1997, and since the 1994 Uruguay Round Agreement  
6 on Agriculture established parameters for freer worldwide trade,

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8 SECTION 1: This act may be cited as the “Freedom to Farm Bill.”

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10 SECTION 2: Individual farmers, farming corporations or corporate entities shall not receive  
11 subsidies if that person or entity makes less than 80% of their income from  
12 agricultural operations.

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14 SECTION 3: There shall be a limit of total subsidies per person per year of \$150,000.

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16 SECTION 4: A farming commission shall be created by the USDA to assess--

17 Sub-SECTION A: The concentration of the subsidy payments.

18 Sub-SECTION B: How subsidies influence productivity.

19 Sub-SECTION C: The influence of subsidies on--

20 (A) Rural Poverty

21 (B) Agricultural Growth

22 (C) Foreign trade

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24 SECTION 5: There shall be an expansion of the quota buy-out program set by the 2002  
25 Farm Bill.

26 Sub-SECTION A: The industries subject to the quota buy-out program are the  
27 corn, wheat, rice and sugar industries.

28 Sub-SECTION B: The USDA will create and implement a buy-out program that  
29 will completely abolish quotas in these industries over the 5 years following the  
30 passage of this bill.

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32 SECTION 6: This bill shall go into effect 91 days after passage.

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