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## **House Follows Senate, Introduces Emission Reporting Exemption**

**The U.S. House, following Senate action, has introduced a bill to stop an unintended regulation of farms. Introduced this week, ACRE, the Agricultural Certainty for Reporting Emissions Act, would avoid unnecessary environmental reporting for farmers and ranchers. The Senate version of the bill, the Fair Agricultural Reporting Method, or FARM Act, would do the same. Under current regulations, approximately 200,000 farms and ranches could be legally required to report emissions from animal agricultural operations, even though those rules were written to cover industrial emergencies, rather than emissions from farms and ranches. American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall says "Congress never meant to include agriculture" in the reporting requirement, as part of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, known as CERCLA. The Environmental Protection Agency under both the Bush and Obama administrations supported exempting agricultural producers, but a federal court found the law did not clearly exclude farms and ranches.**

- [Keeping Vigilant To Prevent an FMD Outbreak](#)

Animal health professionals and others continue keeping close watch for the potential of Foot and Mouth Disease to enter our country and threaten our nation's livestock herds. (Rod Bain and USDA Chief Veterinarian Jack Shere)

## **House Farm Bill Markup Delayed**

**Disagreements among the House Agriculture Committee members regarding the nutrition title are stalling movement on the farm bill. Committee Chairman Mike Conaway of Texas says there will not be a farm bill markup next week, citing the committee's progress in "negotiating to a yes" from both Republicans and Democrats. Conaway and House Democrats are in conflict over the way the nutrition title handles the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, according to the Hagstrom Report. That decision means that Conaway will not meet his goal of holding a markup on the farm**

**bill in the first quarter of 2018. Ranking Democrat on the Committee, Collin Peterson of Minnesota, says Democrats on the committee cannot support the bill in its current form. Last Week, Peterson said the Republican proposal regarding nutrition is similar to what killed the current farm bill the first time it came to the House floor in 2013.**