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The fate of the House farm bill remained in limbo Friday over an unrelated immigration fight, while Senate Ag leaders unveiled their farm bill proposal, which is set for committee action on Wednesday. House GOP leaders were working to break an immigration impasse within their party's ranks and had crafted the outline of a deal but were still trying to nail it down Friday. And, conservatives were still demanding an immigration vote as a condition for their votes for the farm bill that they helped defeat last month.

American Farm Bureau's Andrew Walmsley remained hopeful the House would pass a farm bill...tape

The Senate proposal protects and strengthens crop insurance, improves ARC-County yield calculations, supports a foot and mouth disease vaccine bank, and has permanent funding for beginning farmer and rancher programs...tape

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There are no new food stamp work requirements that would kill the bill in the Senate, where Democratic votes are a must to avoid a filibuster...but also, no new limits on those not 'actively engaged' in day-to-day farming operations. But, Walmsley adds...tape

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A stretch from California to Oklahoma is currently where much of the nation's extreme and exceptional drought coverage can be found. (Rod Bain and USDA meteorologist Brad Rippey)