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[Agreement in Principle on a New Farm Bill](#)

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A framework for a 2018 Farm Bill has been agreed upon by House and Senate Agriculture Committee leaders, but what is next in getting this measure approved and signed into law? (Rod Bain. Rob LaRue of the National Farmers Union. Will Rodger of the American Farm Bureau Federation)

AZ Produce Grower Says Product is Safe to Consume

Audio with Jon Boelts (Bolts), produce farmer, Yuma County, Arizona

The E. coli contamination in romaine lettuce and subsequent removal from store shelves across the country hit the nation's produce farmers hard. The Food and Drug Administration, as well as the Centers for Disease Control, issued a temporary advisory asking for produce to be removed from store shelves to keep consumers safe. Jon Boelts (Bolts) is a produce farmer in Yuma County, Arizona. He said the nation's produce growers work hard every day to produce a safe product...tape

Cut #1 :30 OC... "they've happened"

Boelts says the produce industry is working closely with the FDA and the CDC to pinpoint where the outbreak started. They're also working on ways to improve traceability in events like this...tape

Cut #2 :24 OC... "here again"

He says the advisory against selling and consuming romaine lettuce officially ended earlier this week. Boelts said producers have already started harvesting the next crop of romaine lettuce. It's going to take some time to get store shelves restocked and fresh produce back to consumers...tape

Cut #3 :33 OC... "things faster"

Several reports of produce farmers having to throw their crop away as it came out of the field hit the news wire during the FDA/CDC advisory. Boelts said he found himself in that exact situation...tape

Cut #4 :30 OC... "takes time"

Producers took a financial hit when their product was cleared off store shelves or dumped as soon as it was harvested. Unlike many other commodities, there's no financial help available for producers...tape

Cut #5 :27 OC... "commodity"

Again, Jon Boelts is a produce grower from Yuma County, Arizona.