Why the Farm Bill Could Shape Solutions for Small Landowners From All Walks of Life?

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The Impact of Climate Change on Farmers, Ranchers, and Forest Landowners

‘It’s a Disaster.’ Drought dramatically shrinking California farmland, costing $1.7 billion – LA Times

‘The worst we’ve seen’: Ranchers threatened by historic heat and drought – The Washington Post

The end of a way of life? Ranchers struggle to survive the south-west’s megadrought – The Guardian

Climate change is driving widespread forest death and creating shorter, younger trees – CNBC
Most Vulnerable Populations
Small, limited resource, and socially disadvantaged

- Refugees
- Indigenous Communities
- Low-income Communities
- People with Disabilities
- Elderly and Children
- Rural Communities
- Coastal Communities
- Farmers
- Ranchers
- Forest Landowners
“If You Care about Climate Change, Then You Care about the Farm Bill.”

Nicole Greenfield, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

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the number of farm bills since the first one passed in 1933
### Climate Solutions through the Farm Bill

**Support programs through USDA NRCS**

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History of Black Real Estate Ownership

Jim Crow Laws
Redlining
Gentrification
Systemic Racism
Theft
Partition Sales
Origins of Issues
Around Heirs' Property

Heirs' property ownership as a means of family wealth preservation.

Legal structure of Heirs' property ownership creates vulnerabilities contributing to family land loss.

Significant loss occurred leading to initiatives to preserve Heirs' property.
Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Project