

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 6, 2025

The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary of Agriculture
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins;

We are writing to respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to ensure that specialty crops are included in any forthcoming USDA economic aid package. Specialty crops—including fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, nursery crops, and floriculture—play a vital role in the U.S. agricultural economy, yet they have been overlooked in prior federal assistance packages.

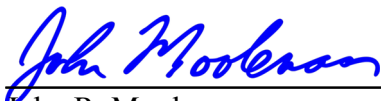
Specialty crops are critical to America's food security, dietary health, and economic vitality. They represent a significant share of our agricultural output, provide job opportunities across rural communities, and support a robust export market. Beyond their economic impact, specialty crops sustain a strong nutritional foundation critical for improving public health and lowering long-term health care costs across the nation.

Producers of specialty crops continue to face unique challenges, including high labor costs, vulnerabilities to weather and supply chain disruption, and limited risk management options compared to other commodities. In times of market disruption or natural disaster, these producers are disproportionately at risk. Without adequate support, the financial health of our growers is jeopardized.

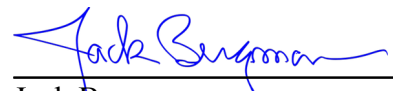
Including specialty crops in any future USDA economic aid package will help safeguard the livelihoods of growers and ensure continued access to affordable, nutritious foods for American families. It is essential that federal support reflects all American agriculture and recognizes the indispensable contributions of specialty crop producers.

Thank you for your leadership and for your continued commitment to strengthening U.S. agriculture. We strongly urge you to ensure that specialty crops remain a priority in USDA's ongoing economic aid and recovery efforts.

Sincerely,



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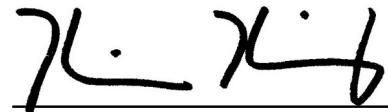
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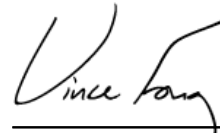
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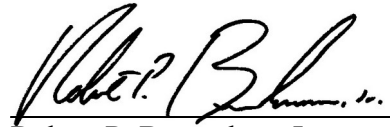
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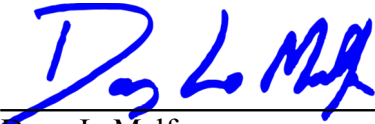
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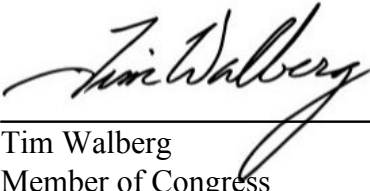
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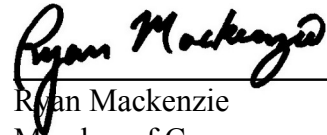
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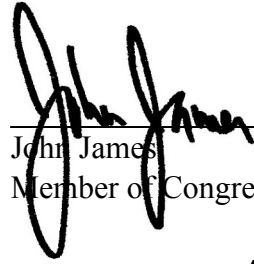
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