

DID YOU KNOW ...

WAR AND TARIFFS ARE HURTING FARMERS

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THE WAR IS CAUSING A CRISIS FOR FARMERS AND LEADING TO INCREASING FOOD PRICES

One-third of the world's fertilizer must pass through the Gulf of Hormuz, which is now closed because of the war. As a result, prices of key fertilizer ingredients, ammonia and urea, are up between **20% and 50%** since the start of the war. These soaring costs hit farmers at the start of planting season.

In response, farmers are cutting plantings of fertilizer-intensive corn and wheat, already increasing the price of corn futures by 6%. This increase, in turn, will lead to increasing food prices later this year.

TARIFFS WERE ALREADY HARMING FARMERS

Trump's chaotic tariffs have raised farmers' costs, disrupted supply chains, and lost markets for their crops.

- In 2025, for example, the cost of soybeans increased 12% and trade volume decreased 20% because of tariffs.
- Costs for farm equipment rose too. John Deere reported that its cost for steel and aluminum rose \$600 million in 2025 because of tariffs.
- Plus, ICE's terror campaign on immigrants has caused shortages in farm labor.

A North Carolina State University study found that tariffs are costing North Carolina farmers \$695 million, or about 1/3 of the average farmer's net income. Many family farmers are on the ropes. There was a 50% increase in farm bankruptcies in 2025, according to the American Farm Bureau.

WE NEED CHANGE

Trump's reckless war is costing billions of dollars and it, as well as his tariffs, are putting our family farmers at risk.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Vote for Jamie Ager for Congress for the 11th Congressional District.
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