

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2181

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to enhance the ability of oilseed producers to use oilseed base acres for the production of fruits and vegetables.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2003

Mr. PENCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Farming Flexibility
5 Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR**
2 **PROCESSING ON OILSEED BASE ACRES.**

3 (a) **EFFECT ON OILSEED BASE ACRES CALCULA-**
4 **TION.**—Section 1101 of the Farm Security and Rural In-
5 vestment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7911) is amended by add-
6 ing at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(i) **CALCULATION OF OILSEED BASE ACRES.**—Effec-
8 tive on the date of the enactment of this subsection, the
9 planting, prevented planting, or production of fruits or
10 vegetables for processing shall be deemed to be the same
11 as the planting, prevented planting, or production of oil-
12 seeds for purposes of the calculation of oilseed base
13 acres.”.

14 (b) **PLANTING FLEXIBILITY.**—Section 1106 of such
15 Act (7 U.S.C. 7916) is amended by adding at the end the
16 following new subsection:

17 “(e) **PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR**
18 **PROCESSING.**—Effective on the date of the enactment of
19 this subsection, a fruit or vegetable for processing may
20 be produced on oilseed base acres, except that direct pay-
21 ments and counter-cyclical payments for oilseeds shall be
22 reduced by an acre for each acre planted to the fruit or
23 vegetable.”.

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