

**Amendment offered by Rep. Vindman of Virginia**

**Amendment description**

The amendment creates a pilot program to subsidize GAP Audits for farmers for five years, which are often required by grocery chains for small farmers to sell produce in stores.

**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY MR. VINDMAN OF VIRGINIA**

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES PAYMENT**  
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall establish a  
4 program for making payments to covered producers in an  
5 amount that is equal to the full cost incurred by each such  
6 producer for carrying out a GAP audit.

7 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date  
8 of enactment of this Act, and annually for each of the four  
9 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-  
10 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and  
11 the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of  
12 the Senate a report regarding activities under the program  
13 established under subsection (a), including—

14 (1) the number and type of covered producers  
15 who received payments under such program; and

16 (2) the extent to which such payment increased,  
17 for each such producer, market access to a retail  
18 food store that requires a GAP audit as a condition  
19 for such access.

1 (c) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall use the funds of  
2 the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out this sec-  
3 tion.

4 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

5 (1) COVERED PRODUCER.—The term “covered  
6 producer” means a person—

7 (A) that—

8 (i) operates a small farm with an av-  
9 erage adjusted gross income (as defined in  
10 section 1001D(a) of the Food Security Act  
11 of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308–3a(a))) of less  
12 than \$350,000 each year; or

13 (ii) is a beginning farmer or rancher  
14 (as defined in section 3430.602 of title 7,  
15 Code of Federal Regulations (or a suc-  
16 cessor regulation)); and

17 (B) meets such other requirements as the  
18 Secretary may determine appropriate.

19 (2) GAP AUDIT.—The term “GAP audit”  
20 means an audit under the Agricultural Marketing  
21 Service Audit Verification and Accreditation Pro-  
22 grams described in part 62 of title 7, Code of Fed-  
23 eral Regulations (or successor regulations), as such  
24 programs relate to good agricultural practices and  
25 guidance published by the Secretary of Health and

1 Human Services under section 419(e)(1) of the Fed-  
2 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
3 350h(e)(1)).

4 (3) RETAIL FOOD STORE.—The term “retail  
5 food store” has the meaning given such term in sec-  
6 tion 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
7 U.S.C. 2012).

8 (e) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall  
9 terminate on the date that is 5 years after the date of  
10 the enactment of this Act.

