

**Amendment offered by Mr. Vasquez of New Mexico**

**Amendment description**

The amendment would provide one-time payments to specialty crop producers to help expand domestic and new markets and require a GAO report on the impacts of tariffs and trade barriers on specialty crop exports.

**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY M**     . Vasquez    

At the end of subtitle A of title X, add the following  
(and make such conforming changes as may be necessary):

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIALTY**  
2 **CROPS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall establish and  
4 implement a program under which the Secretary will pro-  
5 vide a one-time payment to eligible producers to aid such  
6 producers in—

7 (1) expanding domestic markets for the covered  
8 specialty crops of such producers; or

9 (2) developing new markets for such crops.

10 (b) **APPLICATION.**—An eligible producer seeking pay-  
11 ment under this section shall submit an application to the  
12 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing  
13 such information as the Secretary may require.

14 (c) **AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.**—

15 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as specified in para-  
16 graph (2), the Secretary shall calculate the amount  
17 of the payment under this section to an eligible pro-

1           ducer based on the producer's sales of covered spe-  
2           cialty crops in calendar year 2025.

3           (2) NEW PRODUCERS.—

4           (A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a new  
5           producer, the Secretary shall calculate the  
6           amount of the payment under this section using  
7           the new producer's estimate of their sales of  
8           covered specialty crops in calendar year 2026.

9           (B) REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.—A new  
10          producer shall provide to the Secretary as evi-  
11          dence to support the estimate referred to in  
12          paragraph (1)—

13                 (i) a legally binding contract or agree-  
14                 ment under which the producer has agreed  
15                 to sell a covered specialty crop during cal-  
16                 endar year 2026; or

17                 (ii) evidence that, at the time of appli-  
18                 cation, a covered specialty crop has been  
19                 planted and is expected to be harvested  
20                 and sold in calendar year 2026.

21          (3) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The maximum  
22          amount of the payment an eligible producer may re-  
23          ceive under this section shall not exceed \$900,000.  
24          Such maximum amount may be reduced if the  
25          amount of funds made available to carry out this

1 section for a fiscal year is insufficient (as deter-  
2 mined by the Secretary) to make all payments for  
3 which applications are submitted under this section.

4 (4) REDUCTION OF TOTAL PAYMENT.—The  
5 amount of the payment an eligible producer may re-  
6 ceive under this section with respect to a covered  
7 specialty crop shall be reduced by the amount of any  
8 payment issued by the Secretary to such producer  
9 for such covered specialty crop (or acres on the farm  
10 planted to such crop) under the Farmer Bridge As-  
11 sistance Program of the Department of Agriculture  
12 (as described in the press release of the Department  
13 of Agriculture on December 8, 2025 (Release No.  
14 0239.25)).

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) COVERED SPECIALTY CROP.— The term  
17 “covered specialty crop” means—

18 (A) a specialty crop;

19 (B) dry edible beans and peas, mushrooms,  
20 and vegetable seed;

21 (C) Christmas trees;

22 (D) any culinary and medicinal herb or  
23 spice;

24 (E) honey, hops, maple sap, tea, coffee,  
25 turfgrass, and grass seed; and

1 (F) such other crop as determined appro-  
2 priate by the Secretary.

3 (2) ELIGIBLE PRODUCER.—The term “eligible  
4 producer” means a producer of covered specialty  
5 crops (including a new producer) that—

6 (A)(i) is in the business of producing cov-  
7 ered specialty crops as of the date on which the  
8 producer seeks payment under this section; and

9 (ii) is entitled to an ownership share and  
10 shares in the risk of producing a covered spe-  
11 cialty crop that will be sold in the calendar year  
12 for which payment is sought;

13 (B) is—

14 (i) a citizen of the United States or  
15 lawful alien (as defined in section 1400.3  
16 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or  
17 successor regulations));

18 (ii) a partnership, corporation, limited  
19 liability company, or other organizational  
20 structure organized under State law;

21 (iii) an Indian Tribe or Tribal Organi-  
22 zation (as those terms are defined in sec-  
23 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination  
24 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.  
25 5304)); or

1 (iv) a foreign person that meets the  
2 requirements specified in section 1400.401  
3 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or  
4 successor regulations); and

5 (C) has an average adjusted gross income  
6 that—

7 (i) is less than \$900,000 for the pre-  
8 ceding three tax years; or

9 (ii) equals or exceeds \$900,000 if the  
10 producers's average adjusted gross farm  
11 income is at least 75 percent of the pro-  
12 ducer's average adjusted gross income.

13 (3) NEW PRODUCER.—The term “new pro-  
14 ducer” means a producer of covered specialty crops  
15 who, at the time of application for payment under  
16 this section—

17 (A) began producing specialty crops in ei-  
18 ther of the preceding two crop years but did not  
19 have sales due to the immaturity of the crop;

20 (B) began producing specialty crops in the  
21 preceding crop year but did not have a complete  
22 year of sales; or

23 (C) is beginning to grow specialty crops in  
24 the crop year with respect to which the applica-  
25 tion is submitted.

1           (4) SPECIALTY CROP.—The term “specialty  
2 crop” has the meaning given such term in section 3  
3 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004  
4 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note; Public Law 108–465).

5 (e) FUNDING.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated to the  
7 Secretary \$5,000,000,000 to carry out this section.

8           (2) REDUCTION BASED ON OTHER FUNDING.—  
9 In providing payments under this section, the Sec-  
10 retary shall use an amount equal to the amounts ap-  
11 propriated under paragraph (1) reduced by any  
12 amount obligated by the Secretary for payments to  
13 eligible producers of specialty crops under the Farm-  
14 er Bridge Assistance Program of the Department of  
15 Agriculture (as described in the press release of the  
16 Department of Agriculture on December 8, 2025  
17 (Release No. 0239.25)).

18           (3) RESCISSION.—Effective on the date that is  
19 the end of the 2-year period beginning on the date  
20 of enactment of this Act, there is rescinded from the  
21 unobligated balance of the amount appropriated  
22 under paragraph (1) an amount equal to the amount  
23 under paragraph (1) reduced by the amount obli-  
24 gated by the Secretary for payments to eligible pro-  
25 ducers of specialty crops under the Farmer Bridge

1 Assistance Program of the Department of Agri-  
2 culture (as described in the press release of the De-  
3 partment of Agriculture on December 8, 2025 (Re-  
4 lease No. 0239.25)) for such period.

5 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . GAO EVALUATION OF IMPACT OF TARIFFS ON**  
6 **EXPORTATION OF SPECIALTY CROPS.**

7 Following consultation with the appropriate congres-  
8 sional committees, the Comptroller General of the United  
9 States shall submit to Congress a report that evaluates  
10 the impacts that tariffs and other trade barriers have on  
11 the exportation of specialty crops (as defined in section  
12 3 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7  
13 U.S.C. 1621 note; Public Law 108-465)).

