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Mr. DORGAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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 “Family Agriculture Re-
5 covery and Market (FARM) Equity Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC 2. LOAN RATES FOR MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS.**

2 Section 132 of the Agricultural Market Transition
3 Act (7 U.S.C. 7232) is amended to read as follows:

4 **“SEC. 132. LOAN RATES FOR MARKETING ASSISTANCE**
5 **LOANS.**

6 “(a) WHEAT.—The loan rate for a marketing assist-
7 ance loan under section 131 for wheat shall be not less
8 than—

9 “(1) 85 percent of the simple average price re-
10 ceived by producers of wheat, as determined by the
11 Secretary, during the marketing years for the imme-
12 diately preceding 5 crops of wheat, excluding the
13 year in which the average price was the highest and
14 the year in which the average price was the lowest;
15 or

16 “(2) \$3.14 per bushel.

17 “(b) FEED GRAINS.—

18 “(1) CORN.—The loan rate for a marketing as-
19 sistance loan under section 131 for corn shall be not
20 less than—

21 “(A) 85 percent of the simple average
22 price received by producers of corn, as deter-
23 mined by the Secretary, during the marketing
24 years for the immediately preceding 5 crops of
25 corn, excluding the year in which the average

price was the highest and the year in which the average price was the lowest; or

“(B) \$2.09 per bushel.

“(2) OTHER FEED GRAINS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the loan rate for a marketing assistance loan under section 131 for grain sorghum, barley, and oats, individually, shall be established at such level as the Secretary determines is fair and reasonable in relation to the rate at which loans are made available for corn, taking into consideration the feeding value of the commodity in relation to corn.

“(B) MINIMUM LOAN RATES.—The loan rate for a marketing assistance loan under section 131 for grain sorghum, barley, and oats, individually, shall be not less than—

“(i) 85 percent of the simple average price received by producers of grain sorghum, barley, and oats, respectively, as determined by the Secretary, during the marketing years for the immediately preceding 5 crops of grain sorghum, barley, and oats, respectively, excluding the year in which the average price was the highest and the

1 year in which the average price was the
 2 lowest; or

3 “(ii)(I) in the case of grain sorghum,
 4 \$1.89 per bushel;

5 “(II) in the case of barley, \$2.01 per
 6 bushel; and

7 “(III) in the case of oats, \$1.27 per
 8 bushel.

9 “(c) UPLAND COTTON.—

10 “(1) LOAN RATE.—Subject to paragraph (2),
 11 the loan rate for a marketing assistance loan under
 12 section 131 for upland cotton shall be established by
 13 the Secretary at such loan rate, per pound, as will
 14 reflect for the base quality of upland cotton, as de-
 15 termined by the Secretary, at average locations in
 16 the United States, a rate that is not less than the
 17 lesser of—

18 “(A) 85 percent of the average price
 19 (weighted by market and month) of the base
 20 quality of cotton as quoted in the designated
 21 United States spot markets during 3 years of
 22 the 5-year period ending July 31 of the year
 23 preceding the year in which the crop is planted,
 24 excluding the year in which the average price

1 was the highest and the year in which the aver-
 2 age price was the lowest; or

3 “(B) 90 percent of the average, for the 15-
 4 week period beginning July 1 of the year pre-
 5 ceding the year in which the crop is planted, of
 6 the 5 lowest-priced growths of the growths
 7 quoted for Middling $1\frac{3}{32}$ -inch cotton C.I.F.
 8 Northern Europe (adjusted downward by the
 9 average difference, during the period April 15
 10 through October 15 of the year preceding the
 11 year in which the crop is planted, between the
 12 average Northern European price quotation of
 13 that quality of cotton and the market
 14 quotations in the designated United States spot
 15 markets for the base quality of upland cotton),
 16 as determined by the Secretary.

17 “(2) LIMITATIONS.—The loan rate for a mar-
 18 keting assistance loan for upland cotton shall not be
 19 less than \$0.5826 per pound.

20 “(d) EXTRA LONG STAPLE COTTON.—The loan rate
 21 for a marketing assistance loan under section 131 for
 22 extra long staple cotton shall be not less than—

23 “(1) 85 percent of the simple average price re-
 24 ceived by producers of extra long staple cotton, as
 25 determined by the Secretary, during 3 years of the

1 5-year period ending July 31 of the year preceding
 2 the year in which the crop is planted, excluding the
 3 year in which the average price was the highest and
 4 the year in which the average price was the lowest;
 5 or

6 “(2) \$0.8768 per pound.

7 “(e) RICE.—The loan rate for a marketing assistance
 8 loan under section 131 for rice shall be not less than—

9 “(1) 85 percent of the simple average price re-
 10 ceived by producers of rice, as determined by the
 11 Secretary, during 3 years of the 5-year period end-
 12 ing July 31 of the year preceding the year in which
 13 the crop is planted, excluding the year in which the
 14 average price was the highest and the year in which
 15 the average price was the lowest; or

16 “(2) \$7.81 per hundredweight.

17 “(f) OILSEEDS.—

18 “(1) SOYBEANS.—The loan rate for a mar-
 19 keting assistance loan under section 131 for soy-
 20 beans shall be not less than—

21 “(A) 85 percent of the simple average
 22 price received by producers of soybeans, as de-
 23 termined by the Secretary, during the mar-
 24 keting years for the immediately preceding 5
 25 crops of soybeans, excluding the year in which

1 the average price was the highest and the year
 2 in which the average price was the lowest; or

3 “(B) \$5.26 per bushel.

4 “(2) SUNFLOWER SEED, CANOLA, RAPESEED,
 5 SAFFLOWER, MUSTARD SEED, AND FLAXSEED.—The
 6 loan rate for a marketing assistance loan under sec-
 7 tion 131 for sunflower seed, canola, rapeseed, saf-
 8 flower, mustard seed, and flaxseed, individually,
 9 shall be not less than—

10 “(A) 85 percent of the simple average
 11 price received by producers of sunflower seed,
 12 canola, rapeseed, safflower, mustard seed, and
 13 flaxseed, respectively, as determined by the Sec-
 14 retary, during the marketing years for the im-
 15 mediately preceding 5 crops of sunflower seed,
 16 canola, rapeseed, safflower, mustard seed, and
 17 flaxseed, respectively, excluding the year in
 18 which the average price was the highest and the
 19 year in which the average price was the lowest;
 20 or

21 “(B)(i) in the case of oil sunflower seed,
 22 \$0.093 per pound;

23 “(ii) in the case of nonoil sunflower seed,
 24 \$0.1176 per pound;

1 “(iii) in the case of canola, \$0.0945 per
2 pound;

3 “(iv) in the case of rapeseed, \$0.1001 per
4 pound;

5 “(v) in the case of safflower, \$0.1259 per
6 pound;

7 “(vi) in the case of mustard seed, \$0.1176
8 per pound; and

9 “(vii) in the case of flaxseed, \$0.093 per
10 pound.

11 “(3) OTHER OILSEEDS.—The loan rates for a
12 marketing assistance loan under section 131 for
13 other oilseeds shall be established at such level as
14 the Secretary determines is fair and reasonable in
15 relation to the loan rate available for soybeans, ex-
16 cept that the rate for the oilseeds (other than cot-
17 tonseed) shall not be less than the rate established
18 for soybeans on a per-pound basis for the same
19 crop.”.

20 **SEC. 3. NONRECOURSE MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS**
21 **AND LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS FOR DRY**
22 **PEAS, LENTILS, CHICKPEAS, AND RYE.**

23 (a) DEFINITION OF LOAN COMMODITY.—Section
24 102(10) of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7
25 U.S.C. 7202(10)) is amended by striking “and oilseed”

1 and inserting “oilseed, dry peas, lentils, chickpeas, and
2 rye”.

3 (b) AVAILABILITY OF NONRECOURSE LOANS.—Sec-
4 tion 131(a) of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7
5 U.S.C. 7231(a)) is amended in the first sentence by insert-
6 ing after “each loan commodity” the following: “(other
7 than dry peas, lentils, chickpeas, and rye) and each of the
8 2001 and 2002 crops of dry peas, lentils, chickpeas, and
9 rye”.

10 (c) LOAN RATES.—Section 132 of the Agricultural
11 Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7232) (as amended by
12 section 2) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(g) DRY PEAS, LENTILS, CHICKPEAS, AND RYE.—
14 The loan rate for a marketing assistance loan under sec-
15 tion 131 for dry peas, lentils, chickpeas, and rye, individ-
16 ually, shall be not less than—

17 “(1) 85 percent of the simple average price re-
18 ceived by producers of dry peas, lentils, chickpeas,
19 and rye, respectively, as determined by the Sec-
20 retary, during the marketing years for the imme-
21 diately preceding 5 crops of dry peas, lentils, chick-
22 peas, and rye, respectively, excluding the year in
23 which the average price was the highest and the year
24 in which the average price was the lowest; or

1 “(2)(A) in the case of dry peas, \$7.00 per hun-
2 dredweight;

3 “(B) in the case of lentils, \$12.00 per hundred-
4 weight;

5 “(C) in the case of chickpeas, \$15.00 per hun-
6 dredweight; and

7 “(D) in the case of rye, \$2.80 per bushel.”.

8 (d) REPAYMENT OF LOANS.—Section 134(a) of the
9 Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7234(a)) is
10 amended—

11 (1) by striking “AND OILSEEDS.—” and insert-
12 ing “OILSEEDS, DRY PEAS, LENTILS, CHICKPEAS,
13 AND RYE.—”; and

14 (2) by striking “and oilseeds” and inserting
15 “oilseeds, dry peas, lentils, chickpeas, and rye”.

16 (e) PAYMENT LIMITATION.—Section 1001(2) of the
17 Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308(2)) is amended
18 by striking “contract commodities and oilseeds” and in-
19 serting “contract commodities, oilseeds, dry peas, lentils,
20 chickpeas, and rye”.

21 **SEC. 4. APPLICABILITY.**

22 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
23 apply to each of the 2001 and 2002 crops of a loan com-
24 modity (as defined in section 102 of the Agricultural Mar-

1 ket Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7202) (as amended by sec-
2 tion 3(a)).

