

Sample Phone Call Scripts

Call Script for Farmers

Hello,

My name is (your name), and I'm a farmer in (your state) and a constituent of Sen./Rep. (your member of Congress)'s. I am calling because the recent federal funding freezes and cancellation of USDA contracts have severely impacted my livelihood as a farmer and the food security of my customers. The USDA has made promises to American farmers and ranchers in the form of contracts, and must honor the lawful agreements that producers like me count on for operating loans, planting decisions, conservation practices, reliable markets, and more. Executive Orders designed to force USDA to foreclose on contracts threaten the economic viability of farms and will have disastrous effects on the availability and price of food for all of us.

(Use this space to explain how the funding freezes are affecting your farm, including if you are not able to reach your local NRCS or other USDA agency office. If you are marketing your products through a local food nonprofit funded by USDA programs such as Local Food Procurement Assistance or Local Agricultural Markets Program, explain how the funding freeze affects your livelihood as well as the future of the nonprofit's mission.)

I am counting on you as my elected representative to swiftly address this issue. You have the power to prevent future harm by demanding that Executive Orders be rescinded or amended so that the USDA can immediately unfreeze all funds, honor all signed contractual agreements, and reverse the staff terminations affecting county offices. Only by fully restoring USDA funding and services can we avoid further harm and suffering to farms and farming communities across the country.

Thank you for taking my call.

Call Script for all others in our network.

Hello,

My name is (your name), and I am a constituent of Rep./Sen. (your member of Congress). I am calling because I am appalled at seeing the federal government going back on the promises they've made to the people, especially to farmers. When our farmers suffer ALL of us feel that pain at the grocery store.

(Optional: If there is an organization/program at risk in your community, elaborate on the impacts here. If you, your family, friends, or neighbors participate in a local foods program or are utilizing food assistance that is now at risk of being terminated, tell your story.)

We need Rep./Sen. (your member of Congress) to stand with the farmers, ranchers, organizations, and food-insecure households in our community. You have the power to prevent harm by demanding that the current Administration allow USDA to release funding and honor its commitments now!

Thank you for taking my call.