

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to consider acres that receive a reduction in water deliveries due to a natural disaster or other loss event to be eligible for assistance under certain programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. TESTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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. ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN ASSISTANCE FOR**
4 **LOSSES RESULTING FROM NATURAL DISAS-**
5 **TERS OR OTHER EVENTS.**

6 Beginning in crop year 2025, the Secretary of Agri-
7 culture shall, in calculating assistance under the non-
8 insured crop disaster assistance program established by

1 section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and
2 Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7333) or a policy or plan
3 of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7
4 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.), consider—

5 (1) acres with a history of irrigated crop pro-
6 duction, the producer on which knows will receive a
7 reduction in water deliveries due to a natural dis-
8 aster or other loss event, as determined by the Sec-
9 retary of Agriculture, including the St. Mary Canal
10 siphon failures that occurred on June 17, 2024, to
11 be irrigated acres; and

12 (2) a natural disaster or other loss event de-
13 scribed in paragraph (1) to be an eligible cause of
14 loss with respect to the acres described in that para-
15 graph.