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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON H.R. 2419**

**Title X – of the House Bill & Applicable Senate  
Amendment Provisions – Horticulture and Organic Agriculture**

**Section-by-Section Comparison of House Bill,  
Senate Amendment, and Current Law**

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			<b>Title X – HORTICULTURE AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE</b>		
			<b>Subtitle A – Honey and Bees</b>		
<b>T10-1</b>	<b>Annual Report on Response to Honey Bee Colony Collapse Disorder</b>  <b>Sec. 10001 of H.R. 2419</b>	No comparable provision.	<b>Sec. 10001</b> Requires the Secretary to submit a report to Congress on the investigation of honey bee colony collapse and strategies to reduce colony loss.	No comparable provision.	
<b>T10-2</b>	<b>National Honey Board</b>  <b>Sec. 1854 of the Senate Amendment</b>	No comparable provision.	No comparable provision	<b>Sec. 1854</b> This provision amends Section 7(c) of the Honey research, Promotion and Consumer Information Act (& U.S.C. 4606(c)) to ensure that the Honey Board continues and that the Secretary cannot conduct any referendum on the continuation or termination of the order without first conducting a concurrent referendum for approval of orders to establish a successor marketing board.	
<b>T10-3</b>	<b>Identification of Honey</b>  <b>Sec. 1855 of the Senate Amendment</b>	No comparable provision.	No comparable provision	<b>Sec. 1855</b> This provision amends section 203(h) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(h)) to require the grading mark, statement, inspection mark of the Department of Agriculture to be located in close proximity of the country of origin label on packaged honey.	
			<b>Subtitle B – Horticulture Provisions</b>		
<b>T10-4</b>	<b>Tree Assistance Program</b>  <b>Sec. 10101 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 12101(e) of the Senate Amendment</b>	<b>Subtitle C of The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act (7 USC 8201-8205)</b> establishes the Tree Assistance Program. The Secretary shall provide assistance to eligible orchardists who planted trees for commercial purposes and lost them due to a natural disaster.	<b>Sec. 10101</b> Amends Subtitle C of the Farm and Rural Investment Act of 2002.  Makes nursery tree growers eligible under	<b>Sec. 12101(e)</b> Amends the Trade Act of 1974 by creating a Tree Assistance Program to compensate eligible growers for losses suffered due to natural disasters.  Makes nursery tree growers eligible under	

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		<p>Establishes a limitation on assistance of \$75,000.</p> <p>Allows for reimbursement of 75 percent of the cost of replanting trees lost due to disasters.</p> <p>Discretionary funding is authorized to carry out the program. Permanent Authorization</p>	<p>the Tree Assistance Program and future disaster assistance programs for which assistance is provided under that program.</p> <p>Changes the \$75,000 limitation on assistance to \$150,000 per year.</p> <p>No comparable provision.</p> <p>Maintains current discretionary authorization.</p>	<p>the Tree Assistance Program.</p> <p>Changes the \$75,000 limitation on assistance to \$100,000 per year.</p> <p>Adds reimbursement for 50 percent of the cost of pruning, removal and other costs to salvage existing trees or prepare the land to replant trees.</p> <p>Provides necessary mandatory funding to carry out the program over the next five years.</p>	
T10-5	<p><b>Specialty Crop Block Grants</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 10102 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 1841 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	<p><b>Sec. 101 and Sec. 2 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act (PL 108-465).</b> A program of block grants to states to support projects in marketing, research, education, pest/disease management, production, and food safety related to specialty crops was created by the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-465). Authorized to receive annual appropriations of \$44.5 million through FY2009 (received \$7 million each in FY2006 and FY2007).</p> <p>The Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-465) defines eligible “specialty crops” to mean “fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and nursery crops (including floriculture).” “State” means the several States, D.C., and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 10102</b> Amends Sec. 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act by continuing the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program through 2012, and increasing the mandatory levels of funding to \$60,000,000 in FY’08 \$65,000,000 in FY’09 \$70,000,000 in FY’10 \$75,000,000 in FY’11 \$95,000,000 in FY’12.</p> <p>Changes the definition of “specialty crop” under the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to include “horticulture,” and the definition of “State” to include Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 1841</b> Same as the House bill, except funding is discontinued after FY ’11.</p> <p>Same as the House, but also includes “turfgrass sod” and “herbal crops” in the definition of “specialty crop”.</p>	

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		<p>Section 101(e) of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-465) requires states to develop a plan indicating how grant funds will be utilized to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops.</p> <p>The Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-465) specifies that each state is entitled to a minimum block grant amount of \$100,000, with additional funding allocated based upon that state's specialty crop production.</p>	<p>No comparable provision.</p> <p>No comparable provision.</p>	<p>Modifies Sec. 101(e) to require that states, to the maximum extent practicable and appropriate, develop plans that take into consideration the views of beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who produce specialty crops.</p> <p>Changes the minimum grant amount from \$100,000 to one-half of one percent of the overall funding allocated to the program in a given fiscal year.</p>	
T10-6	<p><b>Additional Section 32 Funds for Purchase of Fruits, Vegetables and Nuts to Support Domestic Nutrition Assistance Programs</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 10103 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 4907 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	<p><b>Section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act Amendment of 1935 (7 USC 612c)</b> as amended by section 10603 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment of 2002, required USDA to use not less than \$200 million annually in additional Section 32 funds to purchase specialty crops for nutrition programs.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 10103</b> Provides funding in addition to amounts available under Section 32. Additional amounts of Section 32 funds dedicated to fruit, vegetable and nut purchases are \$190,000,000 in FY'08 \$193,000,000 in FY'09 \$199,000,000 in FY'10 \$203,000,000 in FY'11 \$206,000,000 in FY 2012 and each FY thereafter.</p> <p>Expands the Secretary's purchase discretion to include value-added fruit, vegetable and nut products.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 4907.</b> Same as the House bill, with technical differences.</p>	
T10-7	<p><b>Additional Section 32 Funds to Provide Grants for the Purchase and Operation of Urban Gardens Growing</b></p>	<p>No comparable provision.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 10103A</b> Provides grants to individuals or cooperatives composed of residents of urban neighborhoods where urban gardens or greenhouses are located to assist in purchasing and operating organic fruit and</p>	<p>No comparable provision.</p>	

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	<b>Organic Fruits and Vegetables for the Local Population</b>  <b>Sec. 10103A of H.R. 2419</b>		vegetable gardens and greenhouses. Provides that grants may not exceed \$25,000 per year; \$20,000,000 in discretionary funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.		
T10-8	<b>Independent Evaluation of Department of Agriculture Commodity Purchase Process</b>  <b>Sec. 10104 of H.R. 2419</b>	No comparable provision.	<b>Sec. 10104</b> Requires an independent evaluation of the commodity purchasing processes and the importance of increasing purchases of specialty crops.	No comparable provision.	
T10-9	<b>Quality Requirements for Clementines</b>  <b>Sec. 10105 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 3207 of the Senate Amendment</b>	<b>Sec. 8e(a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (7 USC 608e-1(a)).</b> Provides that importation of commodities that are under marketing orders in the U.S. shall be prohibited unless they comply with the requirements of the marketing order. Notification, advice and concurrence from USTR is required before a prohibition is enacted.	<b>Sec. 10105</b> Amends Sec. 8e(a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act by adding clementines to the list of commodities.	<b>Sec. 3207</b> Same as the House bill.	
T10-10	<b>Implementation of Food Safety Programs Under Marketing Orders</b>  <b>Sec. 10106 of H.R. 2419</b>	<b>Sec. 8c of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (7 USC 608c(6))</b> contains the terms and conditions of marketing orders applicable to specified commodities.	<b>Sec. 10106</b> Amends Sec. 8c of the Agricultural Adjustment Act by authorizing the implementation of quality-related food safety programs under specialty crop marketing orders.	No comparable provision.	
T10-11	<b>Inclusion of Specialty Corps in</b>	<b>Sec. 2(a) of the Census of Agriculture Act of 1997 (7 USC 2204g(a))</b> A census	<b>Sec. 10107</b> Amends Sec. 2(a) of the Census of	<b>Sec. 1814</b> Freestanding provision which requires the	

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	<p><b>Census of Agriculture</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 10107 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 1814 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	<p>of agriculture is taken every 5 years; topics surveyed and sampling used by the Secretary is at the Secretary's discretion.</p>	<p>Agriculture Act to include a census of specialty crops as part of the general census of agriculture.</p>	<p>Secretary to conduct a census of specialty crops not later than September 30, 2008 and each 5 years thereafter.</p> <p>Allows the Secretary to include the census of specialty crops in the census on agriculture.</p>	
<p><b>T10-12</b></p>	<p><b>Maturity Requirements for Hass Avocados</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 10108 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 1856 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946</b> provides for research to improve marketing, handling storage, etc. of agricultural products; cooperation among Federal and State agencies, producers, etc. in developing research and marketing programs to improve distribution processes; and ensure the integrated administration of laws to facilitate the distribution of commodities, develop new markets, improve nutritional standards, etc.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 10108</b> Amends Subtitle A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 by adding at the end of the title a new section.</p> <p>Requires the Secretary to issue regulations requiring all Hass avocados sold in the U.S. to meet a minimum maturity requirement.</p> <p>Allows for exceptions from this requirement for avocados intended for charities, relief agencies or processing.</p> <p>Uses existing inspectors that already inspect avocados under other orders. Also allows the Secretary to collect fees to pay for inspection activities.</p> <p>Imposes civil penalties between \$50 and \$5,000 for each violation.</p> <p>Allows for the diversion of avocados that don't meet the maturity requirements.</p> <p>Authorizes appropriations for necessary sums.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 1856.</b> Freestanding provision which authorizes an organization of domestic avocado producers to submit to the Secretary a proposal for a grades and standards marketing order for Hass avocados. Once that proposal is received, the Secretary is required to initiate established procedures under the normal marketing order process for the purpose of determining whether there is sufficient industry support for the proposal submitted by the organization. If the Secretary deems it appropriate to establish a marketing order, the language also requires the Secretary to complete that order within 15 months.</p>	
<p><b>T10-13</b></p>	<p><b>Mushroom</b></p>	<p><b>The Mushroom Promotion, Research</b></p>	<p><b>Sec. 10109</b></p>	<p><b>Sec. 1853.</b></p>	

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	<p><b>Promotion Research and Consumer Information</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 10109 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 1853 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	<p><b>and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 USC 6104)</b> contains the terms and conditions of the mushroom marketing order.</p>	<p>Amends the Mushroom Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act of 1990.</p> <p>Reflects the changed geographic distribution of mushroom growers and their productivity by combining the regions that are represented on the Board, and increasing the number of pounds required for representation in the region.</p> <p>Allows the development of good agricultural practices and good handling practices under the mushroom research and promotion order.</p>	<p>Same as the House bill, except also allows the development of food safety programs under the promotion order.</p>	
T10-14	<p><b>Fresh Produce Education Initiative</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 10110 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 1813 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	<p>No comparable provision.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 10110</b>          Authorizes a program to educate persons involved in the fresh produce industry and the public about ways to reduce pathogens in fresh produce and sanitary handling practices. Authorizes necessary sums for each FY 2008 through 2012.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 1813.</b>          Same as the House, except authorizes \$1,000,000 in discretionary funding to carry out the section.</p>	
			<p><b>Subtitle C – Pest and Disease Management</b></p>		
T10-15	<p><b>Pest and Disease Program</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 10201 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 12101(f) of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	<p>No comparable provision.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 10201</b>          Establishes a new program to conduct early pest detection and surveillance activities in coordination with state departments of agriculture, to prioritize and create action plans to address pest and disease threats to specialty crops, and to create an audit-based certification approach to protect against the spread of plant pests.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 12101(f).</b>          Same as the House, except for technical differences and provides mandatory funds in the amounts of: --</p>	

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			<p>Provides mandatory funding in the amount of:</p> <p>(1) \$10,000,000 in FY 2008;  (2) \$25,000,000 in FY 2009;  (3) \$40,000,000 in FY 2010;  (4) \$55,000,000 in FY 2011; and  (5) \$70,000,000 in FY 2012.</p>	<p>(1) \$10,000,000 for FY 2008;  (2) \$25,000,000 for FY 2009;  (3) \$40,000,000 for FY 2010;  (4) \$50,000,000 for FY 2011;  (5) \$64,000,000 for FY 2012.</p>	
<b>T10-16</b>	<p><b>Multi-Species Fruit Fly Research and Sterile Fly Production</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 10202 of H.R. 2419</b></p>	<p>No comparable provision.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 10202</b></p> <p>Authorizes the construction of a warehouse and irradiation containment facility for fruit fly rearing and sterilization in Waimanalo, Hawaii.</p> <p>Authorizes the appropriation of \$15,000,000 for construction and \$1,000,000 for 2008 and each subsequent fiscal year for facility maintenance.</p>	<p>No comparable provision.</p>	
			<p><b>Subtitle D – Organic Agriculture</b></p>		
<b>T10-17</b>	<p><b>National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 10301 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 1823 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	<p><b>Sec. 10606 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act (7 USC 6523)</b></p> <p>Established a National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program to assist producers and handlers of agricultural products in obtaining certification under the National Organic Program established under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990. Provides \$5 million in FY 2002, to remain available until expended. Maximum Federal cost share is 75% annually with up to \$500 paid to an individual producer or handler.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 10301</b></p> <p>Amends section 10606 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act to provide \$22,000,000 for the national organic certification cost-share program, to be available until expended.</p> <p>Provides that the federal share may not exceed 75% of the cost of certification, and the maximum amount a producer may receive is raised from \$500 to \$750.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 1823.</b></p> <p>This provision amends Section 10606 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 6523) to reauthorize the National Organic Certification Cost-Share program, which provides funds for the Secretary to assist producers and handlers of agricultural products in obtaining certification under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990. Payments to producers or handlers are limited to \$750, and the federal share of the certification cost will be no more than 75 percent of the total certification cost incurred.</p>	

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				<p>Senate adds language to require the Secretary to submit to Congress, reports that describes the expenditures for each state under the program during the previous fiscal year.</p> <p>Provides \$22,000,000 in mandatory funding.</p>	
T10-18	<p><b>Organic Production and Market Data</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 10302 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 1821 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	<p><b>Sec. 7407 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act (7 USC 5925c)</b> required that the Secretary keep segregated data on the production and marketing of organic agricultural products as part of agricultural production and marketing data collection.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 10302</b> Amends section 7407 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act to add pricing of organic products as new data to be included in the ongoing collection of data on agriculture production and marketing.</p> <p>Provides that the data on organics under this section shall be collected to analyze crop loss risk of organic methods of production.</p> <p>Provides \$3,000,000 in mandatory funds to be available until expended.</p> <p>Also includes a free-standing provision that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to submit to Congress a report regarding the progress made in implementing this amendment.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 1821.</b> This provision amends Section 2104 of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6503) by granting the Secretary authority to segregate data as it relates to the organic industry by publishing organic production and marketing information and surveys. The language is intended to remedy the lack of price and yield information for organic producers.</p> <p>Senate expands upon House language by requiring detailed data collection for: Organic production and market data initiatives and surveys; expand, collect, and publish organic census data analysis, fund comprehensive reporting of prices relating to organically-produced agricultural products; conduct analysis relating to organic production, handling, distribution, retail, and trend studies; study and perform periodic updates on the effects of organic standards on consumer behavior; conduct analysis for organic agriculture using the national crop table.</p> <p>Provides \$5,000,000 in mandatory</p>	

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				funding.	
T10-19	<b>Organic Conversion, Technical and Educational Assistance</b>  <b>Sec. 10303 of H.R. 2419</b>	No comparable provision.	<b>Sec. 10303</b> Authorizes \$50,000,000 over five years to provide technical assistance and cost-sharing grants to farmers trying to transition to organic farming.	See Conservation Title (EQIP).	
T10-20	<b>Exemption of certified organic products from assessments</b>  <b>Sec. 1822 of the Senate Amendment</b>	<b>Sec. 10607 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002</b> provides an exemption from assessments from commodity promotion laws for a person that produces and markets solely 100 percent organic products, and does not produce any conventional or nonorganic products.	No comparable provision.	<b>Sec.1822.</b> This provision amends Section 501(e) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7401 (e)) to allow farmers who have some or part of their farm certified organic to receive the exemption. Only producers that are USDA organically certified may receive the exemption for that portion of land they produce organically.	
T10-21	<b>National Organic Program</b>  <b>Sec. 1824 of the Senate Amendment</b>	<b>Section 2123 of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6522)</b> specifies funding levels for the National Organic Program.	No comparable provision.	<b>Sec.1824.</b> This provision amends section 2123 of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6522) to provide increased authorized incremental funding levels for the National Organic Program to ensure proper compliance and oversight of the National Organic Program.  Authorizes \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; \$6,500,000 for fiscal year 2009; \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; \$9,500,000 for fiscal year 2011; and \$11,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.	

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			<b>Subtitle E – Miscellaneous Provisions</b>		
<b>T10-22</b>	<b>Grant Program to Improve the Movement of Specialty Crops</b>  <b>Sec. 10401 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 1842 of the Senate Amendment</b>	No comparable provision.	<b>Sec. 10401</b> Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to State and local governments, grower cooperatives, and producer and shipper organizations to improve the cost-effective movement of specialty crops.  Provides that the grant recipient must match the amount of funds received under this program.  Authorizes appropriations for necessary sums to carry out the section.	<b>Sec. 1842</b> Same as the House bill, except Senate language amends Title II of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-465; 118 Stat. 3884), and clarifies that non-profit trucking associations and their research entities are eligible to receive grants.  Same as the House bill.  Same as the House bill.	
<b>T10-23</b>	<b>Authorization of Appropriations for Market News Activities Regarding Specialty Crops</b>  <b>Sec. 10402 of H.R. 2419</b>	No comparable provision.	<b>Sec. 10402</b> Authorizes necessary funds for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to support market news activities regarding specialty crops.	<b>Sec. 1811</b> Authorizes \$9,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012, to remain available until expended for market news activities to provide timely price information on fruits and vegetables.	
<b>T10-24</b>	<b>Farmer Marketing Assistance Program</b>  <b>Sec. 10403 of HR. 2419, Sec. 1812 of the Senate Amendment</b>	<b>Sec. 6 of the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 (7 USC 3005)</b> , as amended by the 2002 Farm Bill, created The Farmers’ Market Promotion Program to provide grant to promote farmers markets. This provision was first authorized in the 2002 farm bill and provides funds to local governments, non-profit corporations, regional farmers’ market authorities or other entities	<b>Sec. 10403</b> Amends Sec. 6 of the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 and provides findings.  Renames the Farmers’ Market Promotion Program the “Farmer Marketing Assistance Program.”  Specifies categories of farmer-to-	<b>Sec. 1812.</b> Amends section 6 of the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 (7 U.S.C. 3005) to reauthorize the Farmers Market Promotion Program.  Senate adds language to include producer networks or associations.  Provides mandatory funds in the amounts	

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		designated by the Secretary to expand farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Provided necessary funds to be appropriated.	<p>consumer direct marketing activities eligible for funding under the program.</p> <p>Provides mandatory funds in the amounts of \$5,000,000 for FY '08-'10; and \$10,000,000 for FY '11-12.</p> <p>Provides that 10% of these funds shall be used to support the use of electronic benefit transfers at farmer's markets.</p>	of \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2011; and \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.	
T10-25	<p><b>National Clean Plant Network</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 10404 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 1851 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	No comparable provision.	<p><b>Sec. 10404</b></p> <p>Creates a funding source for clean planting stock and authorizes the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements to produce, maintain and distribute healthy planting stock.</p> <p>Authorizes the appropriation of necessary funds through 2012 in addition to \$20,000,000 in mandatory funds for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 1851</b></p> <p>Same as the House bill, with technical differences.</p>	
T10-26	<p><b>Healthy Food Urban Enterprise Development Program</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 10405 of H.R. 2419, Sec. 1843 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	No comparable provision.	<p><b>Sec. 10405</b></p> <p>Provides competitive grants to eligible entities to conduct studies on improving access of underserved communities to affordable, locally produced food.</p> <p>Provides that the maximum grant amount shall not exceed \$250,000.</p> <p>Authorizes the appropriation of necessary funds for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 1843.</b></p> <p>This provision requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish, through a competitive grant process, the Healthy Enterprise Development Center, the mission of which is to increase access to healthy, affordable foods to underserved communities. The Healthy Food Enterprise Development Center will be required to collect, develop, and provide technical assistance to agricultural producers, food wholesalers and retailers, schools, and other entities regarding best practices for aggregating, storing, processing, and marketing local</p>	

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				<p>agricultural products and increasing the availability of such products in underserved communities. The Healthy Food Enterprise Development Center is also provided with the authority to subgrant funds to carry out feasibility studies to carry out the purposes of the Center.</p> <p>Provides \$7,000,000 in mandatory money</p>	
T10-27	<p><b>Definitions.</b></p> <p><b>Section 1811 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	No comparable provision.	No comparable provision.	<p><b>Sec. 1801.</b></p> <p>Sets out definitions to apply throughout subtitle F for the terms “specialty crop”, “state”, and “state department of agriculture.”</p>	
T10-28	<p><b>Foreign market access study and strategy plan.</b></p> <p><b>Section 1831 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	No comparable provision.	No comparable provision.	<p><b>Sec. 1831.</b></p> <p>This section requires the Comptroller General of the United States to carry out a study regarding the extent to which United States specialty crops have or have not benefited from the reduction of foreign trade barriers under the Uruguay Round.</p>	
T10-29	<p><b>Consultations on sanitary and phytosanitary restrictions for fruits and vegetables.</b></p> <p><b>Section 1833 of the Senate Amendment</b></p>	No comparable provision.	No comparable provision.	<p><b>Sec. 1833.</b></p> <p>This provision requires the Secretary to consult with interested persons and conduct annual briefings on sanitary and phytosanitary trade issues, included the development of a strategic risk management framework and as appropriate implementation of a peer review for risk analysis.</p>	
T10-30	<p><b>Market loss assistance for asparagus producers.</b></p>	No comparable provision.	No comparable provision.	<p><b>Sec. 1852.</b></p> <p>This provision establishes a program to pay those producers currently growing asparagus for revenue losses during the</p>	

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	<b>Section 1852 of the Senate Amendment</b>			2004-2007 crop years due to imports. The language provides \$15,000,000 in mandatory funding (\$7,500,000 for producers of fresh asparagus and \$7,500,000 for producers of processed or frozen asparagus).	