What is the best opportunity for new invasive species funding?

- Land and Water Conservation Fund Reauthorization?
- National Invasive Species Act Reauthorization?
- Obama Administration Climate Change Action Plan?
- Donald Trump?
- Bernie Sanders?
- **No, it is the 2019 Farm Bill!**
What is the Farm Bill?

• Typically enacted for five year period
• Current Farm Bill enacted in 2014, covers 2014-2018
• Authorizes $956 **Billion** over 10 years
  – $756 Billion for Food Stamps
  – $90 Billion for Crop Insurance
  – $56 Billion for Conservation over 5 years
  – $44 Billion for Commodity Programs
  – $8 Billion for Research and other programs
Structure of the 2014 Farm Bill

• Title I: Commodities
• Title II: Conservation
• Title III: Trade
• Title IV: Nutrition
• Title V: Credit
• Title VI: Rural Development
• Title VII: Research and Extension
• Title VIII: Forestry
• Title IX: Energy
• Title X: Horticulture
• Title XI: Crop Insurance
• Title XII: Miscellaneous
Why is it important?

• Direct spending, not subject to annual appropriations
• Largest single pot of federal conservation spending
Next Steps?

• At USDA’s suggestion, RRISC will launch a multi-stakeholder initiative to prepare for the 2019 Farm Bill
• Goal is to comprehensively incorporate invasive species into the 2019 Farm Bill
• Kick-Off meeting in early calendar 2016
• Strategy is to have issue papers and draft bill language ready by February 2017 to influence the next Administration and Congress
• Do you want to participate?
RRISC is Seeking Member Organizations Now!!

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