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Buffalo, Missouri: "The Impact of the pending farm bill funding reduction is anticipated to be dramatic to the agricultural and conservation programs within its pages" states Craig Alderman, Director of Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation (QUWF). "To prepare for the best action plans QUWF has all ready provided key testimony to members of the U.S. Senate AG Committee to be presented to the Super 12 and now we are working to assist many states coalitions in determining how to apply funds and programs as they emerge. North Carolina has an aggressive coalition working now to prepare strategies and communication channels assisting all who would be affected by the expected funding", explains Alderman. The Farm Bill is a huge reason why conservation of our wildlife has met success on a broad scale and it is critical to keep the programs working with landowners. "We understand the Farm Bill will come out with changes given the condition of our national debt, we want it to be a fair allocation and one that takes into account the damage that will be done if wildlife conservation does not receive the attention and funding it needs" explains Alderman.

Some of the targeted objectives of the North Carolina coalition are; educate sporting and conservation groups about Farm Bill policies and implementation and opportunities to participate in each; hold conservation field days to educate members of congress, policy leaders, sporting, wildlife, farm and other interest groups about the wildlife and environmental benefits of conservation programs; engage landowners benefitting from conservation programs developing valuable interviews, case studies and materials that can be used by all partners in subsequent education and outreach; hold workshops, field days and other landowner outreach and education activities; identify landowners of significant properties and encourage habitat plan development and subsequent program application. "This is the type of group working with our numerous North Carolina chapters and our national office, that can make a huge difference in communicating conservation objectives and outreach" states Nick Prough, Farm Bill Coordinator for QUWF, "this is a time when we and our NC chapters, have to re-double efforts and it will not be easy over the next few months as we wait for final programs and funding to be approved" concludes Prough.

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