

## **GROW AMERICA ACT**

The **GROW AMERICA ACT** reclaims approximately **\$42 billion to \$71 billion annually** from federal waste (errors and fraud), investing a total of **\$630 billion to \$1.06 trillion** into the nation's survival over the next 15 years.

This act targets the two most fundamental human needs: **clean water** and **affordable food**, bypassing corporate subsidies and military bloat to fix the "leaky bucket" of American infrastructure and nutrition.

### **The 15-Year Financial Strategy**

By focusing 60% on water and 40% on food, the Act provides a massive boost to long-term national security.

| <b>Focus Area</b>             | <b>Annual Investment</b> | <b>15-Year Total Investment</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Meaningful Water (60%)</b> | \$25.2B – \$42.6B        | \$378 Billion – \$639 Billion   |
| <b>Meaningful Food (40%)</b>  | \$16.8B – \$28.4B        | \$252 Billion – \$426 Billion   |

### **1. Meaningful Water Strategy (\$639B Total)**

The U.S. has entered a "new cost era" for water, with an estimated **\$2.4 trillion needed** by 2050 to upgrade aging pipes and meet new safety standards.

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- **Closing the Funding Gap:** Currently, federal sources provide only **3.9% of water utility spending**. This Act would nearly **double current annual federal water support**, directly tackling the **\$56.6 billion annual funding gap** identified by the American Water Works Association (AWWA).
- **Lead-Free Generation:** Accelerating the removal of lead service lines nationwide—a project currently estimated at **\$10 billion to \$45 billion**—ensuring every child has access to safe drinking water.
- **Water Reuse & Technology:** Expanding the [epa.gov/newsreleases/ep...](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-new-water-reuse-technology) to recycle wastewater for industrial use, preserving freshwater for residents.

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### **2. Meaningful Food Bolstering (\$426B Total)**

While current programs like SNAP are essential, they are often plagued by high improper payment rates—reaching **\$186 billion across all agencies** in 2025. This Act replaces that waste with direct, proactive food security.

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- **Ending Domestic Hunger:** Experts calculate that ending hunger in the U.S. entirely would cost approximately **\$25 billion annually**. This Act's annual budget of up to **\$28.4 billion** is sufficient to reach that goal single-handedly.
- **The "Food-at-Home" Shield:** With food prices predicted to **increase by 3.6% in 2026**, these funds would subsidize local food hubs and regional farming grants to lower the cost of fresh produce for the 99%.
- **Agricultural Resilience:** Funding for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) to protect working croplands from urban sprawl, ensuring the next generation of American farmers can feed the population.

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## How to Convince the 80% (The Prosperity Pitch)

- **"Stop Paying for Errors":** Remind the public that this is not new spending. It is the **\$2.8 trillion** in total improper payments made since 2003 finally being put to work for *us*.
- **"Economic Multiplier":** Every \$1 invested in water infrastructure generates roughly **\$6 in long-term economic growth**. This Act isn't just about survival; it's a massive job-creator for rural and urban America.
- **"National Sovereignty":** Frame water and food as **National Defense**. By securing our own resources, we reduce dependence on global supply chains and volatile foreign markets.

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