Summary of FBLE Report Goals

(See above press release "Food Law Leaders Join the Farm Bill Fray")

Diversified Agricultural Economies

<u>Diversified Agricultural Economies</u> addresses the barriers facing small, medium-scale, diversified, beginning, female, and minority farmers and ranchers. It sets goals and makes recommendations to create opportunities for these producers by improving access to markets, insurance, credit, and land.

- Goal I: Enhance market opportunities for small- and mid-size operations, beginning farmers and ranchers, specialty crop producers, and independent meat producers, thereby also increasing consumer access to diverse sources of food.
- Goal II: Expand whole-farm insurance for diversified farms
- Goal III: Improve access to credit for socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers and ranchers
- Goal IV: Accelerate land ownership for socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers and ranchers

Food Access, Nutrition and Public Health

<u>Food Access, Nutrition, and Public Health</u> focuses on the farm bill's nutrition safety net for low-income families, the elderly, people living with disabilities, and unemployed Americans. It sets goals and makes recommendations to improve food access, nutrition, public health, infrastructure, and economic development.

- Goal I: Protect and Strengthen SNAP as our Nation's Most Vital and Successful Nutrition Assistance Program
- Goal II: Improve Public Health and Increase Access to Healthy, Nutritious Foods, Especially for Vulnerable Populations and Rural Communities

Productivity and Risk Management

<u>Productivity and Risk Management</u> focuses on the farm bill's commodities, conservation and crop insurance programs that govern the complex interactions between large-scale production agriculture, the risks presented by both weather and market volatility, and natural resources protection. It sets goals and makes recommendations to better align production with the stewardship of resources like water, the health and productive capacity of soils, and the vitality of rural communities.

- Goal I: Increase Fairness and Invest in the Future through Commodity and Crop Insurance Program Reforms
- Goal II: Advance Conservation Compliance and Enforcement

- Goal III: Modernize Conservation Funding Priorities, Eligibility, and Payment Rates
- Goal IV: Invest in Research and Pilot Programs