

Overview of Black Farmer Equity Bills from 2020/2021

A note: This list is representative of types of Justice for Black farmers and farmer equity policies that were seen at the state in 2021. It may not be comprehensive.

Justice for Black Farmers

- [South Carolina - HB 3543: Black Farmer Restoration Program](#)
- [North Carolina - SB 694: Black Farmer Restoration Program](#)
- [Illinois - HB 3501: Black Farmer Restoration Act](#)

Commissions and Studies:

- [Hawaii - SB 1416: Relating to Farmer Equity](#)
- [Hawaii - HR 50 - 2021: Relating to Farmer Equity](#)
- [Mississippi - HB 784: Farmer Equity Act of 2021](#)
- [Maine - LD 870: Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study the Impact of Policies Regarding Agriculture](#)
- [Massachusetts - H 860: AN ACT promoting Equity in Agriculture](#)
- [Illinois - HR 46: Black Farmers- Illinois](#)

Heirs' Property

Nineteen states have enacted a law, called the [Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act](#), that helps to protect heirs' property owners from a forced sale. Six other states and the District of Columbia have introduced the bill. At the federal level, USDA just announced \$67 million in funding for owners of heirs' property, which can be used to clear their titles by buying out other heirs' shares of the land, or for legal, appraisal, and other fees associated with title reconciliation. For more information on the new USDA funding, [see here](#); for more on heirs property, see [this SiX blog post](#)

- [Kentucky - SB 43: AN ACT relating to heir property and making an appropriation therefor.](#)
- [Louisiana - HR 201](#)
- [South Carolina - HB 3926: A Joint Resolution to Establish the Heirs Property Study Committee](#)

Other:

- [Illinois - HB 3089: Amends the Local Food, Farms, Job Act](#)
- [Illinois - HB 3229: Agriculture Money for Disadvantaged Farmer](#)