Farm Bill
A Review of the 2008 Farm Bill and
A Look Ahead to 2012
Today’s Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Update from DVRPC
- Presentations
- One-Minute Reports
Update

- *Eating Here: Greater Philadelphia’s Food System Plan*
- *Eating Here Press Event on 2/10/2011*
  - Honored Grantees
- Opportunities to Advance Various Recommendations
- DVRPC’s Food System Planning Activities
  - Technical and Financial Assistance Initiative
  - Working at County-level
- Food System Stakeholder Committee meetings
  - Committee members/organizations help create each meeting’s agenda
Figure 1. 2008 Farm Bill Spending, in Billions of Dollars

- Nutrition: $209 (68%)
- Commodities: $35 (12%)
- Conservation: $25 (8%)
- Other: $38 (12%)

Total: $273
Presentations

• What Happened in 2008
  Tom Forster, Policy Advisor, School Food FOCUS, the New School

• Looking Forward to 2012: Legislative Update
  Kurt Imhof, Field Representative, Office of Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.

• What it all Means for Greater Philadelphia’s Food System
  John Weidman, Deputy Executive Director, The Food Trust
One-Minute Reports