



Policy Update

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Sioux Falls announces urban agriculture coalition

The City of Sioux Falls is announcing plans to help create the Sioux Falls Urban Agriculture Coalition. The proposed coalition is being marketed as a group that will bolster sustainability efforts and expand food access. A kickoff meeting will be hosted from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 27, at the Downtown Library (200 North Dakota Avenue). The meeting agenda will include information on why a coalition is needed, what the group could look like, and draft goals for the coalition.

Farm Bureau Applauds Enactment of Ocean Shipping Reform Act

President Joe Biden signed into law the Ocean Shipping Reform Act on June 16. AFBF President Zippy Duvall attended the signing ceremony at the White House and says the Biden administration worked with Farm Bureau to support passage of the bill. The Ocean Shipping Reform Act will take key steps to resolving maritime supply chain obstacles that are increasing costs to our U.S. agricultural exporters and preventing our farmers from getting their products overseas. Please click [here](#) for more information on the legislation.

No Price Increase for State Fair Admission

The South Dakota Legislative Rules Committee met to discuss the proposed increase in daily admission prices for the South Dakota State Fair. The price increase was requested by the State Fair Commission, and it included an increase to \$10 for people 16 and older and \$5 for ages 6 through 15. The price increase was opposed as the Legislature approved more than \$700,000 of state general funds for the fair's operations and they did not mention the proposed increase in the 2022 legislative budget hearing. As a result of the ruling, the costs will remain at \$6 and \$4 for the 2022 State Fair.

SD Dept. of Transportation Seeks Public Input for Electric Vehicle (EV) Fast Charging Plan

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) hosted two in-person open house public meetings and a virtual, on-demand meeting to discuss and receive public input on the South Dakota Electric Vehicle (EV) Fast Charging Plan. The South Dakota EV Fast Charging Plan will be a framework to create a statewide network of EV fast chargers on the Interstate systems, linked to an overall national network. The Plan is also a requirement to obtain National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

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