



South Dakota Farm Bureau 2025 FOCUS AREAS

2025 Legislative Issues

Taxation

- Continue implementation of the productivity-based system to ensure assessed valuations accurately reflect productivity.
- Take action to defend agricultural property owners from property tax shifts.
- Advocate for fiscally responsible means of taxation at the local and state levels.

Health Care

- Protect and grow South Dakota Farm Bureau Health Plans.

Infrastructure

- Continue to improve farm-to-market roads and bridges.
- Support the adoption of standards for renewable energy infrastructure.

Property Ownership Rights

- Continue focus on protecting the property rights of South Dakota farmers and ranchers.
- Urge the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks to increase the number of landowner-on-own-land elk tags in South Dakota.

Livestock Regulation

- Protect livestock producers through the reissuance of the state general permit for concentrated animal feeding operations.
- Advocate for improvements and efficiencies within the brand board and brand inspection program.

Value-Added Agriculture

- Improve the local zoning process to expand new and existing agriculture production opportunities in the state.
- Support exploration into value-added markets that are science-based, meet safety standards, protect landowner rights, and meet all regulatory requirements.

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