



Policy Update

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Sustainable Aviation Fuel Company Moves Ahead with North Dakota Location over South Dakota Location

The Colorado-based sustainable aviation fuel company, Gevo has shifted priority from the Lake Preston, S.D., plant to a Richardton, N.D., facility. Gevo purchased the Richardton plant last year and is currently working with the Department of Energy to transfer a federal loan to expand the site. Originally, Gevo planned on constructing a sustainable aviation fuel plant near Lake Preston, that would have converted corn into jet fuel; however, with the low probability of Summit Carbon Solutions' pipeline coming to fruition in South Dakota, the investment has moved to North Dakota.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Gevo.

American Farm Bureau Federation Sends letters to the President and Congressional Leaders

The American Farm Bureau Federation recently sent letters to President Donald Trump and Congressional leaders to emphasize the severe economic pressures facing America's farmers and ranchers. Falling crop prices, skyrocketing expenses and trade disputes are creating conditions that are too much for farm families to bear.

Prices paid for crops have fallen off a cliff since 2022, and U.S. agriculture has experienced a trade deficit during the same time period. Lingering questions with trade partners, particularly China, have added to volatility in farm country and left farmers with uncertainty about their futures.

"In the short term, we urge leaders to authorize *bridge payments for farmers before the end of 2025*," wrote AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "These payments must be robust enough to address sector-wide gaps and provide meaningful support as the federal government works to recalibrate trade strategies, stabilize prices, and strengthen key market relationships."

Read the letter to President Trump [here](#).

Read the letter to Congressional leaders [here](#).

Final Meeting of the Comprehensive Property Tax Taskforce to Meet in Pierre

The final meeting of the Legislative Comprehensive Property Tax Taskforce will meet next Wednesday, October 23, 2025, at the Capitol building in Pierre at 9:00 a.m. CT. The taskforce will hear policy proposals from the committee as well as public comments on those proposals. The taskforce's scope of study is to conduct a comprehensive review of property tax policies and identify measures to provide significant and lasting tax relief, by focusing principally on state and local revenues and expenditures and the funding of K-12 education.

The taskforce will discuss the proposals and select recommendations that may translate into legislation for the 2026 Legislative Session.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the taskforce.

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