



South Dakota Farm Bureau 2023 FOCUS AREAS

2023 Legislative Issues

Taxation

- Continue implementation of the productivity-based system to ensure assessed valuations accurately reflect productivity.
- Encourage the completion of GIS mapping in counties and update data used in soil tables.
- Advocate for fiscally responsible means of taxation at the local and state levels.

Health Care

- Take action to protect Farm Bureau members' access to affordable generic drugs.

Infrastructure

- Continue to improve farm-to-market roads and bridges.
- Explore new technologies and funding that provides a more accurate weather data collection.

Property Ownership Rights

- Continue focus on protecting the property rights of South Dakota farmers and ranchers.
- Encourage reasonable limitations on foreign owned agricultural land in South Dakota.

Value-Added Agriculture

- Improve the local zoning process to expand new and existing agriculture production opportunities in the state.
- Advocate against municipalities and counties from placing moratoriums on value-added agriculture.
- Encourage education and training for workforce to support new and value-added agriculture opportunities for all ag products.

South Dakota Farm Bureau is a grassroots agriculture organization representing more than 12,000 member families across the state. Founded in 1917, SDFB is the trusted leader in agriculture.

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