



Policy Update

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John Deere Launches Enhanced Digital Self-Repair Tool

John Deere has launched a new tool called the Operations Center PRO Service. According to the company's press release, it delivers new support capabilities for both connected and non-connected machines across John Deere's agriculture, turf, construction, and forestry equipment portfolio. New and enhanced features include the ability to install software when replacing electronic components or controllers, also known as reprogramming. The increased functionality of Operations Center PRO Service replaces John Deere Customer Service ADVISOR™, which will be phased out over the next year.

The Operations Center PRO Service is based on foundational capabilities that are available at no additional cost upon purchase of John Deere equipment through Operations Center Service Overview and Equipment Mobile, including:

- Operator's manuals
- Active and stored diagnostic trouble codes
- Secure software updates
- JDLink™ information
- Warranty information

It is also important to note that American Farm Bureau Federation has worked with manufacturers to find a private-sector solution to the right to repair issue. AFBF successfully negotiated memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with several major agricultural equipment manufacturers.

Click [here](#) to learn more about John Deere's new digital self-repair tool.

Click [here](#) to learn more about American Farm Bureau Federation's work on Right-to-Repair.

South Dakotan Luke Lindberg Confirmed as Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall recently commented on the confirmation of Luke Lindberg as Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs at USDA.

"Farm Bureau welcomes Luke Lindberg to his new role at USDA, guiding decisions that impact agricultural trade. Rarely has there been such an active time when it comes to trade discussions and impacts to American farmers, so Luke certainly has his work cut out for him.

"Luke's experience working to expand international markets and ensure U.S. farmers get a fair shake will serve USDA and our country well. We look forward to working with him in this new capacity."

Luke Lindberg previously served as the President and CEO of South Dakota Trade.

Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force Meeting to be Held Next Week in Aberdeen

On Tuesday, August 12 and Wednesday, August 13, the Legislative Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force is set to meet at the Kessler's Champions Club at Northern State University. There will be an opportunity for public testimony Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. In the afternoon on Wednesday, the task force will break into work groups to cover the following areas to explore how to reduce property taxes:

- School Funding Formula
- State Government Finance
- Local Government Finance

The scope of the task force 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 task force hearing will be made available via sd.net.

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

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