



## South Dakota Farm Bureau 2024 FOCUS AREAS

### 2024 Legislative Issues

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#### Taxation

- Continue implementation of the productivity-based system to ensure assessed valuations accurately reflect productivity.
- Advocate for fiscally responsible means of taxation at the local and state levels.
- Work to resolve county insolvency by addressing unfunded or underfunded mandates.

#### Health Care

- Protect and grow South Dakota Farm Bureau Health Plans.

#### Infrastructure

- Continue to improve farm-to-market roads and bridges.
- Support increased transparency and communication in the utility surveying process.
- Support counties adopting a comprehensive plan that sets guidelines as to where energy generation can take place within the county.

#### 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.

#### Livestock Regulation

- 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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