



South Dakota Farm Bureau 2026 FOCUS AREAS

2026 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.

Property Ownership Rights

- Continue focusing on protecting the property rights of South Dakota farmers and ranchers.

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.

Risk Management

- Monitor shifts in political climates related to consumer perceptions about food production and agricultural practices.
- Defend agricultural producers from unnecessary and burdensome environmental legislation and/or regulations.

Political Involvement

- Grow the South Dakota Farm Bureau PAC to strengthen the ability to support pro-agriculture candidates.

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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