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Legislative Executive Board Meets and Appoints Summer Study Committees

The South Dakota Legislative Executive Board met May 16th to appoint summer study committees. South Dakota Farm Bureau will be following a study that includes examining property tax structure and tax burden. This study is chaired by Representative Trish Ladner and vice-chaired by Senator Mary Duvall with 15 committee members (8 Representatives, 7 Senators). The scope of the study is, “to study the existing property tax structure; consider means by which the total property tax burden of South Dakotans could be decreased; and to compare the property taxation methods of similar states by examining those states' property tax assessment guidelines, their respective definitions of the tax base, and determination of tax rates.”

Recreational Marijuana will be on the November Ballot

On May 25th, the South Dakota Secretary of State confirmed that Initiated Measure 27 will be on the 2022 General Election ballot. IM 27 would legalize only recreational marijuana and is written differently than the 2020 Constitutional Amendment A. Amendment A was struck down by the South Dakota Supreme Court as it asked voters to legalize recreational marijuana, hemp, and medical marijuana in a single ballot question. This violated South Dakota’s single subject rule for ballot measures.

Constitutional Amendment C

South Dakota Farm Bureau (SDFB) is urging voters to **VOTE YES** on the Taxpayer Protection Amendment, Constitutional Amendment C in the June Primary. Constitutional Amendment C would establish a 60% voting requirement for certain future ballot measures, specifically those that would increase taxes or cost the state more than \$10 million in the first five years. Currently, all it takes is a simple majority vote (50% plus 1) to pass a ballot measure on a South Dakota ballot.

Packing Plant Near Hot Springs Hosts Groundbreaking

The United Ranchers Cooperative hosted a groundbreaking for a new packing plant near Hot Springs, South Dakota, May 24th. The new beef packing plant is located near the Fall River Feed Yard, south of Hot Springs. The packing plant is producer owned and for each share a stockholder buys, he or she will be obligated to supply 25 head of cattle which must be fed at Fall River Feed Yard. The cattle will also be marketed under the United Ranchers Cooperative label “Dakota Territory Beef.”

Governor Noem Signs Executive Order

On May 23, Governor Noem signed [EO 2022-04](#), which allows farmers to move over-width farming equipment on roads two hours before and two hours after sunset. This executive order will benefit agricultural producers in South Dakota and help them with their planting efforts. As of May 22, corn planted in South Dakota was 62%, well behind 92% last year, and behind 71% for the five-year average. For soybeans, 34% was planted, well behind 81% last year, and behind 47% average. This executive order will assist farmers in catching up in 2022’s late planting season and it is set to expire June 22, 2022 at midnight.

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