



# Policy Update

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**ACTION ALERT: Protect American Beef Production**

American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) has released an action alert for members. The action alert addresses the Trump administration's plan to allow an additional 300,000 metric tons of foreign beef into the United States, on top of already record-high beef imports.

This is important because America's cattle producers are working to rebuild the nation's beef herd after years of drought, high input costs, and shrinking cattle inventories. The decisions farmers and ranchers make today about retaining cattle and expanding their herds will determine domestic beef supplies for years to come.

AFBF believes the better path is one that allows America's cattle producers to rebuild the domestic herd, increase U.S. beef production and continue to provide consumers with a safe, abundant and affordable food supply.

Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to contact their members of Congress to share these concerns. When doing so, **it is important to personalize both messages before sending them.**

Click [here](#) to access the action alert and customize your messages.

**Applications Being Accepted for High School Students to Serve as 2027 Legislative Pages**

South Dakota high school students wanting a hands-on look at how the South Dakota Legislature works can now submit their applications to be a legislative page for the 2027 Legislative Session.

The 102nd South Dakota Legislative Session runs from January 12, 2027, to March 31, 2027, with a recess from March 12-30. Pages serve in the House of Representatives or the Senate for one of five terms during the Session's main run.

The program is open to all high school juniors and seniors, including home-schooled students, from any school district in South Dakota. Pages are assigned to committee meetings in the mornings and Chamber floor sessions in the afternoons, assist in the Legislative Post Office, and help legislators, as needed. Students also participate in scheduled social activities and receive \$55 for each legislative day they serve.

The preferred application deadline is October 2, 2026, with a final deadline of October 16, 2026. Information on the Page program, including an application, can be found [here](#).

**SDFB Hosts Panel at Dakotafest**

South Dakota Farm Bureau recently hosted two panels at Dakotafest. The first panel focused on agriculture, fertilizer, and protein market outlook.

The second panel hosted by South Dakota Farm Bureau was a Washington D.C. update from South Dakota's Congressional delegation. The panel provided insight into some of the agricultural policy issues facing South Dakota's farmers and ranchers. For example, topics such as Farm Bill and trade were discussed.

Click [here](#) to watch the panels.

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