



South Dakota Farm Bureau  
2019 FOCUS AREAS

## 2019 Legislative Issues

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### Ag Land Taxation

- Continue implementation of the productivity-based system to ensure assessed valuations accurately reflect productivity.
- Continue research to determine ag land production capacity and update data used in soil tables.

### Agricultural Technology & Education Advancement

- 2 + 2 Veterinary Program between SDSU and the University of Minnesota

### Infrastructure

- Continue to improve farm-to-market roads and bridges.
- Continue rail upgrades to improve service for shippers.

### Natural Resources

- Monitor implementation of a voluntary buffer strip bill to improve water quality.

### Property Ownership Rights

- Continue focus on protecting the property rights of South Dakota farmers and ranchers.
- Define conditions for recreational use of non-meandered flooded private lands.
- Revise the state watershed laws.

### Value-Added Agriculture

- Expand livestock production opportunities.
- Develop ag districts in zoning plans.
- Recognize site approval and state permit as a “right-to-operate.”

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