



POLICY UPDATE

October 30, 2020

2020 South Dakota Farm Bureau Convention: Forward Together is the theme for the 2020 South Dakota Farm Bureau Annual Convention! The Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City will be the home for this year's annual event that takes place November 20-21. Our 2020 Convention will feature discussions on cattle markets, environmental law, and property taxes. Registration is open for the South Dakota Farm Bureau 103rd Annual Convention! Click this [link](#) to register.

Dicamba Update: The EPA announced this week new registrations of dicamba formulations, XtendiMax, Engenia, and Tavium. These products will be registered until 2025. The federal label establishes a nationwide cutoff date of June 30th for applications on soybeans. For more information on the changes to these registrations click [here](#).

Hemp Rules: The state has released their proposed administrative rules governing South Dakota's hemp program. In addition to providing guidance on license application, inspection, testing, and transportation for hemp growth and processing, the rules establish application and inspection fees for growers and processors. Comments on the rules will be accepted until November 24th. The proposed rules can be found [here](#).

November Ballot Measures: South Dakota Farm Bureau has developed an [overview](#) and backgrounders on marijuana measures [IM 26 and Amendment A](#); and the sports betting measure [Constitutional Amendment B](#) which are on the November ballot. The No Way on A committee has also released this [additional information on Amendment A](#), which would put legalized marijuana in South Dakota's Constitution and puts South Dakota's children at risk. A question has also been raised about the impact passage of this measure could have on South Dakotans ability to access firearms. To learn more see [Keloland's article on this](#). Based on policy, **South Dakota Farm Bureau recommends a no vote on all three measures.**

Cattle and Beef Market Update: Be sure to join us for our last Pasture to Plate webinar on November 5th at 7:30 p.m. CT. This final webinar will feature a discussion on local meat processing with Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, South Dakota's State Veterinarian; Ken Charfauros of Wall Meats; and RF Buche of Buche Foods. Register for this webinar [here](#). To learn more about the webinar series or to view recordings of previous events, visit the [Pasture to Plate](#) page on the SDFB website.