

KANSAS AGRIBUSINESS' UNIFIED POLITICAL VOICE



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PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Legislative leaders are seeking property tax relief, which was a popular campaign issue during the 2024 election. This may prove difficult to accomplish, as there are limited possible actions at the state level to reduce property taxes. Of the proposals put forward in recent years, most were focused on residential property tax relief.

OUR POSITION

We will continue to engage to ensure that any property tax legislation introduced does not place additional property tax burdens on agriculture or commercial and industrial taxpayers.

STATE WATER PLAN FUND IMPLEMENTATION

In 2023, the Legislature increased state water plan funding by \$35 million each year for five years. Following a series of Water Task Force meetings last year, a report has been submitted to the legislature that identifies the various water issues our state is facing and the funding needs for the state water plan. Further study and action will be taken in 2026 for possible legislation in 2027.

OUR POSITION

We will advocate for increased funding of water projects – such as augmentation for the Rattlesnake Creek and Quivira Natural Wildlife Refuge, and local control of water. We will educate and advocate on actions being taken by agriculture today to help safeguard clean water in the state. We will also ensure that legislators understand that agriculture currently pays in \$6 million annually through the fertilizer tonnage fee of \$1.67/ton, which is higher than in our neighboring states.

PESTICIDE LABEL WARNING TORT REFORM

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OUR POSITION

We will lobby the legislature in support of the passage of this meaningful and beneficial legislation.

GRAIN/LIVESTOCK THEFT PENALTIES

In 2025, a bill was introduced to increase the presumptive criminal penalties for the crime of theft of either livestock or grain. This has proven to be an important issue for many members in the grain and feed industry.

POSITION: *We supported the legislation during a hearing before the House Judiciary. We anticipate the Committee taking further action on the bill this year, and we will support amendments to the bill as necessary to move the legislation forward.*

NEONICOTINOID-TREATED SEEDS

In 2025, a bill was introduced by a Senator on the Senate Agriculture Committee that would have prohibited the sale or use of any neonicotinoid-treated seeds in the state.

POSITION: *We will work to educate legislators on the importance of this pesticide product technology, its safety, and the importance of relying on the sound scientific standards of the U.S. EPA to ensure that any such legislation does not advance.*

SEED RETAILER/WHOLESALE LICENSE FEE INCREASE

The KS Dept. of Agriculture will be introducing legislation to increase the maximum fee limit on seed wholesalers and retailers.

POSITION: *We will work with the KDA to ensure that whatever maximum fee increase is requested by the agency is reasonable to the agribusiness industry.*

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, CDL TRAINING

Our industry suffers from a workforce shortage, including a lack of commercial drivers. Last year, your association supported the successful passage of legislation which allowed a waiver of the knowledge and skills test for driving a commercial vehicle for any applicant that qualifies for the military even exchange program for commercial driver's licenses.

POSITION: *We will continue to advocate for similar workforce training legislation and for state funding of technical workforce training programs.*

AG SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS

In previous years, when the state budget tightened, legislative committees held hearings on the purpose and usefulness of existing tax credits. Additionally, tax bills have been introduced aimed at the repeal of certain tax credits used by production agriculture and agribusiness, such as the sales tax exemption on ag inputs, and a proposed excise tax on ethanol.

POSITION: *We will monitor any such activity, and will lobby the legislature to ensure that no harm is done to the necessary tax provisions for our industry. We will educate the legislature on the sound policy supporting the existing tax provisions.*



KANSAS GRAIN AND FEED ASSOCIATION

Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA) is a nearly 130-year-old voluntary non-profit, trade organization representing 900 members including country elevators, subterminal and terminal elevators, feed manufacturers, flour mills, grain merchandisers and allied industries such as grain exchanges, equipment manufacturers, insurance firms and railroads.



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KANSAS AGRIBUSINESS RETAILERS ASSOCIATION

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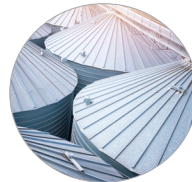


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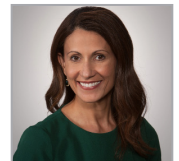
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