2018 NAICC Annual Meeting

Tucson AZ
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- A new Administration and a new Congress
- A new Secretary of Agriculture
- A new EPA Administrator
PARTING WORDS OF THE FORMER EPA ADMINISTRATOR

“We failed to connect with Rural America. Hard-nosed regulation proved to be a job killer. We tried to change the outreach and messaging but it didn’t work. The USDA needs to convince farmers that it is in their best interest to employ practices to counter climate change and curb farm runoff, while resolving other environmental issues. THE MESSAGE WOULD BE BETTER RECEIVED FROM USDA RATHER THAN THE EPA.”

Legislative Update: Glenn Luedke
More listening sessions with growers and agri-business concerns.

Notes from a “listening session” with the Secretary of Agriculture.
Fairness in enforcement is needed and citizens must know their rights.
RULES SHOULD BE WRITTEN SO THAT YOU DON’T NEED A LAWYER TO INTERPRET

USDA is not to micromanage. USDA does things in the best interest of citizens and respects property rights of citizens.
DON’T KEEP GOING BACK TO THE SAME MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS / SENATE

They tune you out after awhile. Make an effort to see those who don’t “see it your way”.

Legislative Update: Glenn Luedke
AG MUST BETTER COMMUNICATE IN HOW TO BETTER GO FORWARD

Agriculture commodity groups, trade associations, agri-business, farmers, ranchers, etc. must start to reach more “political types / influencers“ on the local and state levels.
FIVE MAJOR BATTLES FACING CONGRESS

- Government funding and budget caps
- Immigration / labor issues
- Entitlement reform
- Obama care repeal
- Infrastructure
AG RELATED ISSUES FACING CONGRESS

- Farm bill
- Labor
- Trade
- Tax Overhaul
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