

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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2015 KEY ISSUES

- Clean Water Act
- Labor Issues/Worker Protection Standards
- Immigration Reform
- Colony Collapse
- Estate Tax
- Foreign Trade
- Climate Change



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President Obama Signs
\$1.1 Trillion
Omnibus Spending Bill



FARM JOURNAL STUDY-FALL 2015*

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO FARMERS IN 2016?

(*Based on 628 responses and listed as somewhat important to extremely important)



IMPORTANT TO FARMERS IN 2016

Transportation/Infrastructure	90%
Foreign Trade	88%
Immigration Reform	81%
Estate Taxes	77%
Rural Development	66%
Environmental Regulations	64%
Federal Commodity Support Programs	56%
Climate Change	26%

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2016 NAICC Annual Meeting



2016 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

A shortened legislative session because of election year

- Congress will adjourn in July in advance of nominating conventions and won't consider any major legislation before November elections
- The F/Y 2017 appropriation bills not approved by the end of July will be delayed until the "lame duck" session after the elections
- A short-term continuing resolution will need to be passed in September to keep the government running



EARLY 2016 ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

- National dietary guidelines
- Changes to pesticide use labels
(part of White House pollinator initiative)
- Increase the federal debt ceiling
- Tax package (bonus depreciation, etc.)
- Bio-diesel extension for two years
- WOTUS Regulations
- 2 year extension to Water Resources Development Act
- State labeling requirements



2016 : THE YEAR OF THE REGULATOR

Ag employers are some of the most highly regulated groups in America.

Expect more:

- Wage and hour audits
 - OSHA audits
 - IRS audits
 - Department of Transportation audits
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- FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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