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

2016 NAICC Annual Meeting
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 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

- FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
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