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Illinois Priorities for 2019

Nutrient Management

All efforts addressing nutrient management should be consistent and transparent while providing the optimal balance between stewardship, science, and farmer profitability. Farmers should have the ability to make field-level decisions while working to meet production, conservation, and water quality objectives.

Transportation

Illinois' transportation infrastructure should be modernized to maintain and enhance Illinois agriculture's global competitiveness.

- Fuel tax policies should be simple, transparent, and competitive.
- Off-road fuel should remain tax-exempt.
- Prioritization should be given to road and bridge improvements in rural areas.

Budget

Options to address the state's budget challenge should:

- Be fiscally responsible.
- Restore a positive business climate with long term growth of business and industry in Illinois.
- Stop budget sweeps of funds collected for specific state programs.
- Provide funding for core agriculture programs to provide services efficiently and effectively.
- Maintain sales tax exemption for farm chemicals and farm machinery and equipment.

State Regulation of Pesticides

The provision within the Illinois Pesticide Act which prohibits the regulation of pesticides by any political subdivision (except in counties and municipalities with a population over 2,000,000) should be retained.

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