

Wisconsin Priorities for 2017

Transportation

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

- Off-road fuel should remain tax-exempt.
- Fuel tax policies should be simple, transparent, and competitive.
- State budget dollars should be allocated to road improvements, particularly in rural areas.

Ag Chemical Cleanup Fund (ACCP)

The Ag Chemical Cleanup Fund continues to serve an important purpose to encourage good environmental stewardship. The program should be reformed so dollars collected are protected and utilized for the intended purpose.

Nutrient Management

Changes to nutrient management rules in Wisconsin, including updates to the NRCS 590 standards, should be based on science and account for modern agriculture technologies. Voluntary programs featuring best management practices have the greatest proven participation.

Central Ag Lien Filing System

The burden to provide lien notice should be on the lienholder. Buyers should have adequate time to review a list of liens before they are held responsible for honoring the security interest. A real-time notification system is not a reasonable expectation for the fast moving grain buying business.

Producer Security Program

Any changes to the existing Producer Security Program in Wisconsin should be carefully evaluated and structured to protect farmers' and dealers' investment and security.

Propane Assessment Program

The Wisconsin Propane Education and Research Council should have the authority to levy a state propane assessment program to fund enhanced education, safety, and training programs for retailers and consumers.

Implements of Husbandry

Follow-up legislation regarding Implements of Husbandry should address a reasonable and economically feasible option for ag retailers operating in multiple jurisdictions to operate category 2 IOHs at axle weights of 30,000 lbs.

Tax Incentives

Tax incentives for agribusiness investment and expansion should be preserved and clarified so as to ensure qualification of existing and future endeavors.