



AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL OF INDIANA

2019 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY POSITIONS AND PRIORITIES

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- Support fair and equal assessment of farm and agribusiness property.
- Maintain limited spending and policies that promote flatter, fairer taxes and fiscal responsibility.
- Regulatory programs should be consistent in enforcement, applicable across state lines and not unduly burdensome to agribusiness.
- Support rural economic development policies developed by local communities that expand and diversify agribusiness.

STATE POLICIES



TRANSPORTATION

- Support funding for transportation infrastructure that ensures the competitiveness of Indiana agriculture.



TAXES & BUDGET

- Clarify the ag sales tax exemption for application equipment used by agribusinesses.



ENVIRONMENTAL

- Support site-specific best management practices framed around the 4R (the use of the right fertilizer source at the right rate, right time and in the right place) nutrient stewardship system to promote productive, sustainable and economically rewarding farming that protects water quality.



PESTICIDES & FERTILIZERS

- Policies regulating pesticides and fertilizers should be based in science, consistent with best management practices and ensure farmers have the tools they need for a viable crop.



GRAIN, SEED & FEED

- Ensure reasonable regulations and fair implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act.



WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

- Implement a state wildlife plan that allows wildlife, especially threatened and endangered species, to co-exist with modern agribusiness practices.



AGRICULTURE

- Support Indiana's Right to Farm Act and policies that promote a thriving agriculture industry, both crop and livestock, in the state of Indiana.

FEDERAL POLICIES



TRANSPORTATION

- Support infrastructure proposals that enhance and maintain competitive road, river and rail transportation.
- Make the CDL process work under a reasonable set of common sense rules.



BIOTECHNOLOGY

- Follow Congressional intent on GMO labeling without onerous record keeping.



OVERSIGHT

- Prioritize working lands conservation programs, limit increases to Conservation Reserve Program acreage, protect crop insurance and decouple commodity payments from production in the next farm bill.
- Reform preventative planting provisions in crop insurance.
- Ensure approval process for seed and pesticide products is evidence-based, transparent and follows the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act.
- Promote co-existence in enforcement between the Fungicide, Insecticide, and Rodenticide Act, along with the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act.
- Ensure that the EPA and the Corps of Engineers jurisdiction for Waters of the U.S. does not extend federal control over private property or infringe upon the rights of states and instead respects the jurisdiction of other state agencies.



TRADE

- Support foreign trade accommodations for biotechnology, pursue free and fair trade to reduce tariffs and grow exports to increase access to new markets.



RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Support rural development policies that provide or enhance critical services including safe water for drinking, affordable energy, broadband internet and modern health care facilities.



The Agribusiness Council of Indiana was formed by a combination of mergers of agribusiness associations that handle grain, feed, seed, plant food and agricultural chemicals for farmers in order to better represent this important industry in the 21st Century. ACI has members based in every county of the state, employing Hoosiers throughout rural Indiana, and creating a significant economic impact. The Agribusiness Council of Indiana strives to be the premier advocate serving members' business interests with legislative representation, industry insight and regulatory guidance.