

# All Federal Legislation

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**DC**

**[HB 1238](#)**

**Securing our Agriculture and Food Act**

Description:

Would ensure food, agriculture and animal and human health sectors receive attention and are integrated into the Department of Homeland Security domestic preparedness policy initiatives.

*Passed*

Pass Date: 6/30/2017

**DC**

**[HB 1552](#)**

**Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2015**

Description:

This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require an applicant for approval of a new animal drug that is a medically important antimicrobial to demonstrate that there is a reasonable certainty of no harm to human health from antimicrobial resistance attributable to the nontherapeutic use of the drug.

Status: Introduced 3/23/2015; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

**[HB 2722](#)**

**SWINE Act**

Description:

The Swine Waste Infrastructure and Natural Environment (SWINE) Act would establish a program to certify environmentally sustainable swine water disposal technologies that eliminate animal discharge into surface waters and groundwater through direct discharge, seepage or runoff.

Status: Introduced 5/25/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

**[HB 2930](#)**

**Drone Innovation Act of 2017**

Description:

Would develop a civil unmanned aircraft policy framework and a pilot program.

Status: Introduced 6/16/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

**[HB 4284 / SB 2141](#)**

Description:

Would amend the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 to make it unlawful for a packer to own, feed or control livestock intended for slaughter.

Status: Introduced 3/28/2012; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

**[HR 1105](#)**

**Stop WOTUS Act**

Description:

Would repeal the Waters of the United States rule.

Status: Introduced 2/16/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

**[HR 1368 / S 503](#)**

**Animal Welfare Accountability and Transparency Act**

Description:

Would require the Secretary of Agriculture to make publicly available certain regulatory records relating to the administration of the Animal Welfare Act and the Horse Protection Act.

Status: Introduced 3/6/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

[HR 1494](#)

**PACT Act**

Description:

Would empower the FBI and U.S. Attorneys to prosecute animal abuse cases that cross state lines, affect interstate commerce or occur on federal property.

Status: Introduced 3/10/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

[HR 1587](#)

**Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2017**

Description:

Would make it unlawful to administer (including by means of animal feed) a medically important antimicrobial to a food-producing animal for nonroutine disease control unless there is a significant risk that a disease or infection present on the premises will be transmitted to the food-producing animal; the administration of the antimicrobial is necessary to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission of the disease or infection; the antimicrobial is administered for the shortest duration possible to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission.

Status: Introduced 3/16/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

[HR 1599](#)

**Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015**

Description:

The FDA must allow, but not require, genetically engineered food to be labeled. This would preempt any state authority over genetically engineered labeling in favor of a voluntary National Genetically Engineered Food Certification Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Status: Engrossed 7/24/2015; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 1752](#)

**Voluntary Checkoff Program Participation Act**

Description:

Would prohibit mandatory or compulsory checkoff programs.

Status: Introduced 3/28/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

**[HR 1753](#)**

**Opportunities for Fairness in Farming Act of 2017**

Description:

This bill would establish restrictions and requirements for checkoff programs, which are programs overseen by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to promote and provide research and information for a particular agricultural commodity without reference to specific producers or brands. The bill prohibits boards established to carry out a checkoff program or a USDA order issued under a checkoff program from entering into a contract or agreement to carry out program activities with a party that engages in activities to influence any government policy or action that relates to agriculture.

This bill is supported by the Humane Society of the United States.

Status: Introduced 3/28/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

**[HR 1759](#)**

**Traveling Exotic Animal and Public Safety Protection Act**

Description:

Would prohibit the use of wild and exotic animals in traveling shows in the United States.

Status: Introduced 3/28/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

**[HR 1932](#)**

**Farm Program Integrity Act of 2013**

Description:

Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish a per farm cap of \$50,000 on commodity program benefits and \$75,000 on marketing loan program benefits.

Status: Introduced 5/9/2013; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 1947](#)

**Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013**

Description:

Would provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018.

Status: Introduced 5/13/2013; Died in Chamber

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 2](#)

**Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018**

Description:

This bill is commonly known as the Farm Bill.

Status: Passed Senate 6/28/2018

*Pending*

**DC**

[HR 2393](#)

**Country of Origin Labeling Amendments Act of 2015**

Description:

Would amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken.

Status: Introduced 5/18/2015; Died

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 2498](#)

**Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013**

Description:

Would reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

Status: Introduced 6/25/2013; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 2642](#)

**Agricultural Act of 2014**

Description:

An act to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018.

*Passed*

Pass Date: 2/7/2014

**DC**

[HR 2858](#)

**Humane Cosmetics Act**

Description:

This bill prohibits testing cosmetics on animals.

Status: Introduced 6/23/2015; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 2887](#)

**No Regulation Without Representation Act of 2017**

Description:

Would prevent states from imposing a tax or regulatory burdens on businesses that are not physically present in the state. Prohibited activities include telling an out-of-state business how to make or dispose of its products, as well as imposing on it income tax or sales tax collection burdens.

Status: Introduced 6/12/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

[HR 2966](#)

**American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act of 2011**

Description:

Amends the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption.

Status: Introduced 9/19/2011; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 3108](#)

**Protecting Honest Fishermen Act of 2017**

Description:

Would require all seafood sold in the United States to be traceable from ocean to plate to combat seafood fraud and illegal fishing.

Status: Introduced 6/29/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

[HR 3147](#)

**Food Labeling Modernization Act of 2013**

Description:

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) to deem misbranded any food intended for human consumption, offered for sale, and otherwise required to bear nutrition labeling, unless its principal display panel bears summary nutrition information reflecting the overall nutritional value of the food or specified ingredients, and does not contain any summary nutritional information in addition to or inconsistent with the information required by such Act.

Status: Introduced 9/18/2013; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 3270](#)

**Farm Animal and Research Facilities Protection Act of 1989**

Description:

Would prohibit a person, without the consent of the owner from acquiring control over an animal facility, an animal from an animal facility, or other property from an animal facility, with the intent to deprive the owner of such facility, animal, or property and to disrupt or damage the enterprise conducted at the animal facility; damaging or destroying an animal facility or any animal or property in or on an animal facility.

Status: Introduced 9/13/1989; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 3282](#)

**ELD Extension Act of 2017**

Description:

Would delay the electronic logging device mandate for livestock haulers set to go into effect in December until next year.

Status: Introduced 07/18/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

**[HR 3599 / HR 4879](#)**

**Protect Interstate Commerce Act**

Description:

States or local government cannot impose standards on agriculture products that are offered in multiple states if the product is produced in another state and the standard adds to the standards already in place

Status: Introduced 7/28/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

**[HR 3704](#)**

**Downed Animal and Food Safety Protection Act**

Description:

Amends the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to promulgate regulations providing for the humane treatment, handling, and disposition of nonambulatory livestock by specified entities, including a requirement that nonambulatory livestock be humanely euthanized.

Status: Introduced 12/6/2011; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

**[HR 3798](#)**

**Egg Products Inspection Act Amendments of 2012**

Description:

Would provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens.

Status: Introduced 1/23/2012; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**



### [HR 4733](#)

#### **Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act**

Description:

Would prohibit a federal agency from purchasing any food product derived from a gestating sow, a calf raised for veal, or an egg-laying hen used or intended for use in food production unless that animal, during the entire period covered by that definition, was provided adequate space to stand up, lie down, turn around freely, and fully extend all limbs.

Status: Introduced 3/2/2010; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

### [HR 5](#)

#### **Regulatory Accountability Act**

Description:

Would reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations, to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes.

Status: Passed in House 1/11/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

### [HR 5275](#)

#### **Exempting Farms From Reporting Emissions**

Description:

To amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide an exemption from certain notice requirements and penalties for air emissions from animal waste at farms.

Status: Introduced 3/14/2018

*Pending*

**DC**

### [HR 5462](#)

#### **Dairy Risk Management Act of 2018**

Description:

An act to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to provide support for dairy producers.

Status: Introduced 4/10/2018

*Pending*

**DC**

[HR 5542](#)

**Farm Protection Act of 2014**

Description:

Amends the Agricultural Act of 2014 to require the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to extend: (1) the term and any due date of a marketing assistance loan, and (2) the due date for repayment of farm ownership, operating, or emergency loans. Requires the extensions in cases where a farmer has sold, transferred, or delivered the commodity subject to the loan to a purchaser who has filed for bankruptcy prior to payment. Provides that the extensions shall last until after the bankruptcy case is closed or dismissed. Suspends the accrual of interest on the loans during the extension period.

Status: Introduced 9/18/2015; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 6342](#)

**Traveling Exotic Animal and Public Safety Protection Act**

Description:

Would amend the Animal Welfare Act to restrict the use of exotic and wild animals in traveling performances.

Status: Introduced 11/7/2016; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 687](#)

**Protect Interstate Commerce Act**

Description:

Would prohibit a state or local government from imposing a standard or condition on the production or manufacture of agricultural products sold or offered for sale in interstate commerce if: (1) the production or manufacture occurs in another state, and (2) the standard or condition adds to standards or conditions applicable under federal law and the laws of the state or locality in which the production or manufacture occurs.

Status: Introduced 2/3/2015; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 746](#)

**AWARE Act**

Description:

This bill amends the Animal Welfare Act to apply standards for humane treatment to farm animals at federal research or laboratory animal facilities.

Status: Introduced 2/4/2015; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

[HR 778](#)

**DAIRY PRIDE Act**

Description:

Would require FDA to enforce existing food labeling standards and prevent misbranded plant-based imitators from appropriating federally defined terms on their labels.

Related to S 130 DAIRY PRIDE Act (Defending Against Imitations and Replacements of Yogurt, Milk, and Cheese To Promote Regular Intake of Dairy Everyday) which seeks to require enforcement against misbranding milk alternatives.

Status: Introduced 1/31/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

[HR 816](#)

**Federal Accountability in Chemical Testing (FACT) Act**

Description:

Would amend the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 to require reporting of animal use data by species, number, and test type for toxicological testing conducted, supported, or required by, or submitted to, each Federal agency listed. Federal agencies include Department of Agriculture and any other agency that develops, or employs tests or test data using animals, or regulates on the basis of the use of animals in toxicity testing.

Status: Introduced 2/2/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

[HR 820](#)

**Delivering Antimicrobial Transparency in Animals Act of 2013**

Description:

Requires live poultry dealers, swine contractors, or feed lot operators who purchase, contract, or manufacture animal feed in final formulation bearing or containing a new animal drug with an antimicrobial active ingredient to report annually to the Secretary information about such ingredient by food-producing animal for which the new animal drug is approved and, if applicable, by production class of the animal.

Status: Introduced 2/26/2013; Died in Committee  
*Failed*

**DC**

**[HR 861](#)**

Description:

Would terminate the Environmental Protection Agency on 12/31/2018.

Status: Introduced 2/3/2017  
*Pending*

**DC**

**[HR 965](#)**

**Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2011**

Description:

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to deny an application for a new animal drug that is a critical antimicrobial animal drug unless the applicant demonstrates that there is a reasonably certainty of no harm to human health due to the development of antimicrobial resistance attributable to the nontherapeutic use of the drug.

Status: Introduced 3/9/2011; Died in Committee  
*Failed*

**DC**

**[S 1343](#)**

**Farmer Identity Protection Act**

Description:

Prohibits the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or any EPA contractor or cooperator, from disclosing the information of any owner, operator, or employee of a livestock operation provided to EPA by a livestock producer or a state agency in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) or any other law, including: (1) names; (2) telephone numbers; (3) e-mail addresses; (4) physical addresses; (5) global positioning system coordinates; or (6) other information regarding the location of the owner, operator, livestock, or employee.

Status: Introduced 7/23/2013; Died in Committee  
*Failed*

**DC**

[S 2421](#)

**Food for Peace Reform Act of 2014**

Description:

Would establish the Food for Peace program in the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Status: Introduced 6/3/2014; Died in Committee  
*Failed*

**DC**

[S 2555](#)

**Dairy Farm Sustainability Act of 2018**

Description:

The purpose of this act is to create a "minimum milk price" to help dairy farmers continue operating through times of low milk prices. The bill proposes the "minimum milk price" be set to \$23.34 per hundredweight, which would be adjusted for inflation for each half of each calendar year.

Status: Introduced 3/14/2018  
*Pending*

**DC**

[S 3113](#)

**Dairy Business Innovation Act 2018**

Description:

This bill aims to promote dairy product innovation, including in specialty cheese, and value-added dairy product development for economic benefit of United States dairy farmers and their communities through providing technical assistance and grants.

Status: Introduced 6/21/2018  
*Pending*

**DC**

[S 629](#)

**Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act of 2017**

Description:

Would amend the Federal Food, Drugs, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials approved for use in the prevention, control, and treatment of animal diseases, in order to minimize the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Status: Introduced 3/14/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

**[S. 503](#)**

**Animal Welfare Accountability and Transparency Act**

Description:

This bill would require the U.S. Department of Agriculture to publish reports of enforcement actions taken under the Animal Welfare Act and Horse Protection Act.

Status: Introduced March 2, 2017.

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**DC**

**[SB 1272](#)**

**Drone Federalism Act of 2017**

Description:

Would preserve the authority of state, tribal, and local governments to issue reasonable restrictions on the time, manner, and place of drone operations within 200 feet of the ground or a structure. These could include speed limits, local no-fly zones, temporary restricitions, and prohibitions on reckless or drunk operators, for example. The bill also reaffirms that the federal government will respect private property rights to the airspace in the immedicate reaches above a property, including at least the first 200 feet.

Status: Introduced 5/25/2017

*Pending*

**DC**

**[SB 287](#)**

**Safe Food Act of 2015**

Description:

This bill establishes the Food Safety Administration (FSA) as an independent agency to administer and enforce food safety laws.

Status: Introduced 1/28/2015; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

**[SB 511](#)**

**Genetically Engineered Food Right-to-Know Act**

Description:

This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the sale of food that has been genetically engineered or contains genetically engineered ingredients, unless that information is clearly disclosed.

Status: Introduced 2/12/2015; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

**[SB 544](#)**

**Animal Enterprise Protection Act of 1992**

Description:

Would prohibit a person from intentionally physically disrupting the functioning of an animal enterprise by intentionally stealing, damaging, or causing the loss of enterprise property, including animals and records (or conspiring to do so).

Status: Became public law 8/26/1992

*Passed*

Pass Date: 8/4/1992

**DC**

**[SB 621](#)**

**Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act of 2015**

Description:

This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the Food and Drug Administration to refuse a new animal drug application if the drug is a medically important antimicrobial (used to treat humans) and the applicant fails to demonstrate that the drug meets specified criteria for use in animals.

Status: Introduced 3/2/2015; Died in Committee

*Failed*

**DC**

**[TPP](#)**

**Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement**

Description:

The Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement was concluded on Oct. 5, 2015. The goal of the negotiations was to reach a comprehensive, high-standard agreement that will improve the conditions of trade in the region and boost economic activity in all participating countries.

Status: President signed an executive order 1/23/2017

*Passed*

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