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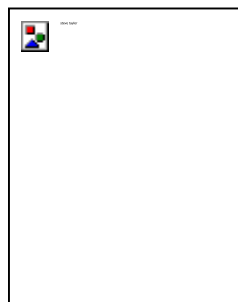
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by Steve Taylor



Big Year at the State Capitol

The 2011 Missouri legislative session is in the history books and I would also contend it is in the record books as one of the biggest years for Missouri agriculture. Perhaps ranking at the top is SB113 & SB161 which hands HSUS a major defeat. This legislation fixes the flaws of HSUS's

Proposition B, better protects dogs, protects the state's licensed dog breeding industry, and blunts HSUS's future ambitions to attack agriculture in Missouri. Perhaps one of the most significant events occurred during the process of negotiations when the Missouri Humane Society split from the HSUS and backed the "Missouri Solution". This will be important because even though HSUS lost a battle this year, they will continue to wage war against agriculture as long as they have millions of dollars pouring into their coffers.

Another big win for Missouri agriculture was the passing of SB187 which puts reasonable limits on out of control lawsuits. Out-of-state lawyers had made their intentions well known that Missouri agriculture was in their crosshairs and they saw us as an easy target given our lax laws governing nuisance lawsuits. When Governor Nixon signed SB187 into law, major fixes were put into place that allows Missouri's agricultural economy to prosper while still allowing every citizen's right to their day in court.

The General Assembly also passed HB89 which currently sits at the Governor's desk. This bill keeps the water permit program at MDNR instead of moving it to EPA but also adds accountability requirements for MDNR and improves the permit process.

Finally, many of you have heard the expression that making law is like making sausage . . . you just really don't want to see it done. Another analogy that comes to my mind is predicting what kind of law will come out of a session is like trying to predict the weather in April in Missouri. Predicting the outcome of SB356 reminds me of this analogy. Up to the very last day of session, no one knew for sure what would be in SB356. But in the end, SB356 passed the general assembly and now awaits the Governor's signature.

Originally, SB356 was the grain bill that eventually turned into the ag omnibus bill. All aspects of the bill, including the original language changing the grain law, were hard fought. Nobody got everything they wanted. All sides worked hard and the hard work started not at the beginning of this legislative session but over 2 years ago with the highly publicized grain frauds that occurred in Missouri. We can be very pleased that some of the alternatives that the State Auditor and

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others had proposed such as an indemnity fund or audit level financials did not make it into legislation and that the changes we fought for came through in the Senate Committee Substitute for SB356. Regarding the changes the bill requires in meeting financial standards and increases in bonding for grain dealers, MDA Director Jon Hagler and his staff have assured me that they will communicate early and work hard with each grain dealer in Missouri to assure as smooth a transition as possible. We at MO-AG will be monitoring the transition closely.

As we look back at this past session, we have many people to thank. We thank Governor Nixon for his support of Missouri Agriculture on the myriad of issues. We would also mention Sen. Brian Munzlinger, Sen. Mike Parson, Sen. Brad Lager, Rep. Casey Guernsey, and Rep Tom Loehner. All these legislators had key roles in the legislation mentioned above. I would personally thank our friend Dr. Jon Hagler at MDA for working with us especially on the grain issues and his untiring efforts to see that we in agriculture all pull together.

To sum up, it's been a big year for many MO-AG priorities and some important wins for agriculture this session. Thank you for all your support and helping us be your 'advocates for the business of agriculture"

Until next time,

Steve

MEMBER NEWS

Saudi Arabia Business Mission Opportunity

The Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Department of Economic Development and the U.S. Department of Commerce have partnered together to organize an agricultural business development mission to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on September 18-22, 2011, the registration deadline is August 1, 2011. Part of the mission will include booth space and attendance at the Saudi Agriculture Exhibition 2011. Companies with productions, technologies and services in the following areas can benefit from this mission:

- Grains and other agricultural commodities
- Nurseries and crop protection
- Animal feed, additives and feeding systems
- Seeds and soil nutrition products
- Low chemical-integrated pest control products and technologies
- Spraying machinery
- Water quality monitoring and control systems
- Water irrigation, treatment and purification systems

On June 6th-9th, there will be consultation meetings in St. Louis and Kansas City where you will be able to discuss questions and interest specific to your company, products and services that you may believe are candidates for Saudi Arabia. Please direct any questions to Robert Donnelly of the Missouri Department of Economic Development by phone at 573-526-3284 or by email at robert.donnelly@ded.mo.gov.

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Inspections Are Increasing For Facilities With Nurse Tanks

The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) recently alerted its members of an article published in the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) newsletter. CVSA is an association of state highway enforcement personnel, and along with DOT enforcement personnel, are increasing their inspections of anhydrous ammonia facilities and specifically facilities with nurse tanks. A recent article published in their newsletter indicated that 113 nurse tanks were inspected and 78 of those were found to have serious issues. TFI warned, "this should serve as a reminder to all fertilizer industry members with nurse tanks to have a serious inspection program in place and to ensure that all relevant staff understand the DOT regulations." Source: Asmark Institute

August 16, 2011 Reminder: Refillable Container Requirements Become Effective

This is a friendly reminder the refillable container & repackaging requirements are set to go into effect on August 16, 2011. The refillable container & repackaging requirement part of the rule states what type of containers can be used for refilling or repackaging different pesticide products. The rule also states that each Pesticide Registrant must include language in their repackaging contracts that clearly describes the acceptable containers that are required for refilling and for storing each of their pesticide products.

This rule is an EPA rule and all enforcement will be through the EPA. The Mid America Crop Life Association's (MACA) website has several items which may be of assistance to you click [here](#) for more information.

Source: Asmark Institute

Corn Planting Jumps Higher in Missouri

Corn planting in Missouri jumped 20 points last week to 79 percent complete. While that's 10 days behind last year it's five days ahead of normal. As of Sunday, 50% of corn had emerged, according to the Missouri Ag Statistics office, which is close to average but a week behind last year. Replanting is continuing where saturated ground has been a problem. Flood waters in southeast Missouri began to recede and there's a big jump in cotton planting but at 39% complete that's almost three weeks behind last year and the average. As one southeast Missouri farmer told Brownfield, "It's a mess down here." Soybeans are 21 percent planted statewide, six days ahead of last year and two days ahead of normal. Source: Brownfield

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE, 2011

7 2nd Annual Clover Classic Golf Tournament; Columbia, MO
28 Missouri Pork Classic Golf Tournament; Columbia, MO

JULY, 2011

20-22 MO-AG Summer Meeting; Lake Ozark, MO

AUGUST, 2011

11-21 Missouri State Fair; Sedalia, MO

SEPTEMBER, 2011

28-30 MO Seedmen's Assoc. Annual Meeting; Lake Ozark, MO

OCTOBER, 2011

5 MU CAFNR Career Fair; Columbia, MO

NOVEMBER, 2011

17 ALOT Annual Meeting; Columbia, MO

DECEMBER, 2011

4-6 MO Farm Bureau 97th Annual Meeting; Lake Ozark, MO

16-17 MO Cattlemen's Assoc. Annual Meeting; Columbia, MO

JANUARY, 2012

11-13 MO-AG Winter Convention; Lake Ozark, MO

Note: Items in **red** are new postings since the last Wrap-Up issue.

JOB OPENINGS

Agronomy/Precision Sales Representative - Marshall, MO

Central Missouri Agri Service at Marshall, MO has an opening for a Sales person experienced in Agronomy sales and current knowledge of VRT/ GIS precision equipment. This individual must have organizational & time management skills, be self motivating, self starting individual with experience and /or a B.S. Degree in Agriculture. This position would include developing a close working relationship with producers. This would include farm calls, grower meetings and other related services. If you have interest in fulfilling this position contact Gabe Ramsey at CMAS; Box 549; Marshall, MO 65340; e-mail: gabercm-as.com; or phone: 660-886-6970.

**Note: If you have a job you would like listed on our
Web site's classified page and in the Missouri**

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