



# Missouri Agribusiness Association Wrap-Up

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### MO Agriculture Had Big Year in Legislature

To hear the audio of the Brownfield Network's complete interview with MO-AG's President Steve Taylor, click [here](#).

It's been a week since the Missouri legislature wrapped up its 2011 session and quite a few bills passed that will affect agriculture. The biggest effect will come from the passing of Senate Bill 113 and Senate Bill 161. Otherwise known as the puppy legislation, according to Steve Taylor with the Missouri Agribusiness Association (MO-AG). He says the defeat against HSUS and the passage of the "Missouri solution," sent the message that the state doesn't need an outside organization like HSUS coming into Missouri and telling Missourians how to run their state.

"You know, really, we won a major battle this year, but the war isn't over. The war continues as long as HSUS still garners multimillion dollars to continue their agenda. I think all of agriculture would have to point at that as one, singular win and that's one issue that everybody in agriculture-all the major organizations came together and supported that legislation," Taylor says.

Taylor says other legislation that passed, such as SB187, which put a what he calls "reasonable limits on out of control lawsuits" and SB 356, which addressed grain regulations also made strides for Missouri agriculture. Source: Brownfield Network

### The U.S. Corps Establishes Joint Information Center for Missouri River Flooding

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, announced today that it has established a Joint Information Center to ensure timely and coordinated release of accurate information to the public by providing a single release point of information. "As communities along the river experience unprecedented flows out of the Missouri River main stem reservoirs, we want to ensure they are provided with accurate and up-to-date information in a timely fashion," said Erik Blechinger, Missouri River Joint Information Center Director. The public can email questions to the Joint Information Center at [MRJIC@usace.army.mil](mailto:MRJIC@usace.army.mil) or call (402) 996-3877.

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Record flows and flooding are the result of above-normal snowpack and extraordinary rain events during the last several weeks. Significant flooding in cities, towns and agricultural land is expected in North and South Dakota with many areas from Sioux City, Iowa, to the Mississippi rising above flood stage. Flows from five of the six dams are expected to reach a record 150,000 cfs no later than mid-June. The previous record releases took place in the fall of 1997.

"We continue to receive precipitation in the upper basin," said Jody Farhat, Chief of the Water Management Office here. "Each day we update the reservoir forecast with new rain and snow runoff information. When changes to the inflow forecasts occur, which they often do, it is necessary for us to make adjustments to the come-up schedules at the mainstem reservoirs to balance the impacts of changing conditions."

"The sooner we reach these maximum release rates, the less risk there is that we'll have to go higher. Once we have evacuated some storage in the reservoir system, we will have more flexibility to respond to changing conditions," said Farhat.

"Protecting lives is our number one priority right now," said Brig. Gen. John McMahon, Commander of the Northwestern Division of the Army Corps of Engineers. "We are working closely with state and local emergency management teams to identify potential flood areas, provide residents with the most current information and help protect vital public infrastructure."

People living along the river are encouraged to make evacuation plans to protect their possessions and property. Maps for potential flood areas can be found [here](#). Residents in communities along the river are encouraged to contact their local emergency management offices for additional details. Flooded areas are expected to be inundated for several months. "Moving water out of the reservoirs is essential," said General McMahon. "Our release plan is based on the rain we've already received and that which is forecast for the next 5 days and the snow melt forecast. More heavy rain storms could cause major revisions."

"Due to our vigilant dam safety program, all dams are well prepared to handle the onslaught of floodwaters," said McMahon. "This is what these reservoirs were designed to do. They are inspected and maintained on rigid schedules. Our dams are sound."

"State and local emergency management teams will be the point of contact for residents needing information about flooding in their area," said Kim Thomas, Chief of the Emergency Management Office here at the Corps. Source: US Army Corps of Engineers

## **NGFA Opposes CME Group Proposal**

The NGFA on May 20 notified the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) that it opposes a proposal from the CME Group to

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increase the daily price limit for the CBOT corn futures contract from the current 30 cents to 40 cents per bushel. In its statement to the CFTC, the NGFA expressed concern that the higher daily price limit could lead to increased volatility in corn futures prices. That, in turn, could result in greater financial pressures in the form of higher margin requirements imposed on commercial hedgers, such as grain elevators, feed manufacturers and grain processors, to maintain futures market positions used to offset price risk when buying and selling agricultural commodities, the NGFA said.

Source: National Grain and Feed Association

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE, 2011

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

### JULY, 2011

- 6 Missouri Soybean Assoc. Golf Tournament; Richmond, MO**
- 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](mailto: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 Agribusiness Wrap Up, please email to [mo-ag@mo-ag.com](mailto:mo-ag@mo-ag.com)**

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## Letters To The Editor

*Do you have a response to the Missouri Agribusiness Wrap Up? Let us know! The Missouri Agribusiness Wrap Up is a bi-weekly publication of the Missouri Agribusiness Association (MO-AG). MO-AG is a member-owned association based in Jefferson City, Mo. which protects members' interests in state legislation and provides educational opportunities.*

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