LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Legislative Update - Week 11

While the General Assembly did not meet this week in Columbia, SCFB government relations is continuing to monitor local, state, and federal responses and actions as the Covid-19 emergency continues to evolve.
This week, President Ott sent a letter to Governor McMaster asking that as the Governor considers future Executive Orders and measures, that he keeps in mind that agribusiness must still be able to produce the necessary food and fiber we all need. Additionally, we are staying in close communication with pertinent Federal and State agencies, Legislators, and the Governor's office to ensure we have the most up to date information as well to be able to continue to inform and advocate on behalf of the needs of agriculture during this time.

The Senate and House are not scheduled to meet next week.

Congressional Report

Federal Stimulus Package:

Included in the $2 trillion stimulus package is "(n)early $24 billion, including $14 billion for The Commodity Credit Corporation that USDA has wide discretion to use to stabilize the farm economy. Another $9.5 billion would be set aside for emergency aid for the agriculture sector, including cattle ranchers and fresh fruit and vegetable growers.

Additionally there will be "(m)ore than $285 million for USDA agencies: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Food Safety Inspection Service, Agricultural Marketing Service and USDA's rural development branch would each receive extra funding for emergency operations amid the pandemic." (From PolitcoPro)

Other Information

Updates on the Pandemic

We are keeping up with the news concerning agriculture during the pandemic, please feel free to go to our website as we update it daily:

www.scfb.org/covid-19