

# AGRICULTURE



## AGRICULTURE ISSUES IN 2018

Agriculture is the cornerstone of Illinois' economy and number one jobs driver in the state. I want to thank our farmers and those in the agriculture community for all their hard work. In 2018, several pieces of legislation were signed into law that could impact farmers and the agriculture community.

**HB 4569/PA 100-0637:** An above ground gas storage tank holding 12,000 gallons of fuel may be used for refueling equipment and vehicles.

**SB 3082/PA 100-0846:** Organizations that promote the economic well-being and expansion of this State's agriculture industry are eligible to apply for Agribusiness Signs issued by the Department.

**HB 5749/PA 100-1090:** Between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, requires IDOT to issue special permit authorizing the movement of loads of agricultural commodities that may exceed the current axle or vehicle gross weight limits by 10 percent.

**SB 2380/PA 100-0870:** Adds new license-renewal requirements for animal control facilities and animal shelters.

**SB 2270/PA 100-0740:** A law enforcement officer can temporarily take custody of an animal that is in danger due to extreme heat or cold conditions, however, the officer must attempt to make contact with owner.

**HB 4234/PA 100-1039:** The Department of Agriculture will ensure the inclusion of socially disadvantaged farmers in urbanized areas and requires the Department to create a new position to support this initiative.

**HB 5459/PA 100-0777:** Allows the Department of Agriculture to certify horses as Illinois conceived and foaled for this breeding year.

**SB 2298/PA 100-1091:** Provides that the Department of Agriculture will create the rules necessary to issue licenses for the growing of industrial hemp.

**HB 4999/PA 100-0841:** The Advisory Board of Livestock Commissioners will hold an annual meeting.



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