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The Illinois General Assembly officially began their legislative session on January 13, 2026.

The State is heading into budget season with less cushion than in recent years. Recent reporting and fiscal updates point to a growing structural gap, weaker corporate tax performance tied to federal tax changes, and rising uncertainty around federal funding and cost shifts. In the near term, the administration has already directed agencies to reserve roughly \$482 million in FY 2026 appropriations and limit hiring and other discretionary spending, with most of the holdbacks concentrated in health and human services.

Even with budget uncertainty in the background, the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association is tracking several proposals that could directly affect your operations. That includes bills addressing PFAS restrictions that could touch pesticide products and supply chains, measures focused on application drift and notification requirements, proposals that could limit access to widely used chemistries, and legislation that would reshape nutrient policy through new incentives and program structures.

Your continued involvement and support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to building upon our partnership together and for a successful 2026!

The session dates that matter most

- Feb. 6, 2026: House/Senate - Introduction of Bills Deadline
- Feb. 18, 2026: Governor's Budget Address
- Mar. 13, 2026: Senate - SB Substantive Committee Deadline
- Mar. 17, 2026: Illinois Primary Election
- Mar. 27, 2026: House - HB Substantive Committee Deadline
- Apr. 17, 2026: House/Senate - First Chamber - Third Reading Deadline
- May 8, 2026: House/Senate - Second Chamber - Substantive Committee Deadline
- May 22, 2026: House/Senate - Second Chamber - Third Reading Deadline
- May 31, 2026: Adjournment

LEGISLATION WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR:

ILLINOIS PESTICIDE ACT AND APPLICATOR LICENSING

HB 4523 (Blair-Sherlock) - Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act and is looking to fully ban PFAS (active and inert ingredients) in pesticides. This bill has not been assigned to a committee yet. **IFCA has notified the sponsor of our opposition.**

HB 1596 (Rep. Laura Faver Dias) - Requires 72-hour written or email notice before certain pesticide applications, including notice to schools and parks within a half mile of the application site. This bill passed out of the House Energy and Environment Committee last Spring but did not move out of the House Chamber. **IFCA remains opposed to this legislation.**

HB 1645 (Rep. Michelle Mussman) - Bans the sale and use of ester formulations of 2,4-D under the Illinois Pesticide Act. **IFCA remains opposed to this legislation.**

HB 3803 (Rep. Joyce Mason) - Prohibits distributing, selling, offering for sale, or using glyphosate (and products containing glyphosate) in Illinois, and authorizes IDOA rulemaking. **IFCA is opposed to this legislation.**

SB 92 (Sen. Karina Villa) - Prohibits producing ethanol using seeds that have been treated with a pesticide. **IFCA remains opposed to this legislation.**

HB 1156 (Rep. Will Guzzardi) - Prohibits producing ethanol using seeds that have been treated with a pesticide. **IFCA remains opposed to this legislation.**

HB 3844/SB 1574 - (Rep. Kevin Olickal; Sen. Patrick Joyce) Creates separate “large-scale” and “small-scale” licensed operator categories and requires separate certification tests under the Illinois Pesticide Act. This legislation passed the House and is in the Senate. **IFCA continues to monitor this legislation.**

HB 4610 (Hoffman) Creates the Nitrogen Reduction Program Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Department of Agriculture shall, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources and soil and water conservation districts in the State, develop a nitrogen reduction incentive program by January 1, 2027 for the purpose of addressing water quality issues. Provides that the program will include a per-acre payment rate of not less than \$5 per acre. Provides that crop management records collected from farmers shall be considered confidential. **IFCA is opposed.**

PFAS AND CHEMICAL RESTRICTIONS

HB 4523 (Blair-Sherlock) Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act and is looking to fully ban PFAS (active and inert ingredients) in pesticides. This bill has not been assigned to a committee yet. **IFCA has notified the sponsor of our opposition.**

HB 2516 (Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid; Sen. Julie Morrison) Restricts the sale of certain consumer products with intentionally added PFAS, with amendments shifting major effective dates and adding exemptions for certain products. **After several amendments and modifications, this bill passed both Chambers and was signed into law.**

SB 167 (Sen. Laura Fine) Prohibits the sale of juvenile products containing intentionally added PFAS beginning in 2026, with specified exemptions (including certain federally preempted and medical products). **IFCA is opposed to this legislation.**

HB 2409 (Rep. Michael Kelly; Sen. Ram Villivalam) Requires point-of-sale notice for PFAS-containing firefighting protective clothing and phases in prohibitions on intentionally added PFAS in specified firefighting gear. **After several amendments and modifications, this bill passed both Chambers and was signed into law.**

HB 2955 (Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid; Sen. Ram Villivalam) Creates a PFAS wastewater committee and requires a PFAS Action Plan and annual updates and reporting to guide Illinois' response to PFAS in wastewater. This legislation passed the House and is in the Senate. **IFCA continues to be opposed to this legislation.**

HB 2954 (Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid) Creates a PFAS fund and grant/reimbursement programs and establishes a PFAS manufacturing tax framework to support PFAS-related remediation and response costs. **IFCA is opposed to this legislation. This legislation failed to move out of the House.**

AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS AND FARMLAND

SB 2372 (Sen. Sally Turner; Rep. William Hauter) Creates an IDOA Farmland Transition Commission to study barriers for young farmers (ages 25 to 40) and recommend incentives to improve access to farmland. **IFCA continues to monitor this legislation.**

SB 2956 (Anderson) Creates the Weather Modification Act. Provides that no form of weather modification is allowed in the State, including the seeding of clouds by plane or ground notwithstanding any other provision of law. Defines 'seeding' as a type of weather modification that aims to change the amount or type of precipitation that falls from clouds. **IFCA is reviewing.**

SB 2958 (Koehler) The bill amends the Illinois Power Agency Act and the Public Utilities Act to define an "agrivoltaic system" as a ground-mounted solar project intentionally designed with agricultural producers and/or agrivoltaics experts to produce solar energy and marketable agricultural products at the same time, with farming occurring under or between panel rows and continuing through decommissioning. It also clarifies that a solar project does not qualify as agrivoltaic if pollinator habitat is the only dual use. **IFCA is reviewing.**

HB 4590 (Harper) Requires the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules establishing, implementing, and administering the Illinois Down Payment Assistant Grant Program to offer up to \$20,000 grants for eligible applicants purchasing their first farms that are eligible farm purchases. **IFCA is monitoring.**

HB 4459 (Briel) Creates the Local Government Open Burn Permit Act. Provides that any county or municipality may adopt ordinances or resolutions establishing requirements for permits issued by it under the Act and may enter into intergovernmental agreements to implement the Act. Allows the Environmental Protection Agency to propose and the Pollution Control Board to adopt rules. **IFCA is monitoring.**

WATER, WETLANDS, AND PUBLIC ACCESS

SB 2401 (Sen. Laura Ellman) Creates a state wetlands permitting program under DNR for discharges of dredged or fill material into state jurisdictional wetlands, including mitigation and enforcement provisions. This legislation did not move. **IFCA remains opposed.**

HB 3596 (Rep. Anna Moeller) Creates a state wetlands permitting program under DNR for discharges of dredged or fill material into state jurisdictional wetlands, including mitigation and enforcement provisions. This legislation did not move in 2025. **IFCA remains opposed.**

HB 1873 (Rep. Janet Yang Rohr) Expands and clarifies the public's right to access and use navigable waters and establishes a standard for determining navigability under Illinois law. This legislation did not move in 2025. **IFCA remains opposed.**

SB 2970 (Hunter) Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Makes changes concerning the taxes due under the Act on estates that contain qualified farm property. Provides that, for the purposes of calculating the State Death Tax Credit, those estates are subject to an exemption of \$6,000,000 (rather than an exclusion amount of \$4,000,000), which shall be deducted from the net estate value after the net estate value is computed in accordance with the Act. **IFCA is monitoring.**

TRANSPORTATION AND FLEET POLICY

SB 241 (Halpin) Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Creates the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure program. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall provide grants to petroleum marketers, petroleum terminal operators, and any other companies that the Department of Agriculture determines are eligible for grant funding. **IFCA is reviewing.**

HB 4663 (Buckner) Creates the Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Project Act. Provides that in order to commence an autonomous vehicle pilot project, a person must provide to the Department of Transportation a statement that sets forth the operational design domain for an autonomous vehicle pilot project. **IFCA is reviewing.**

SB 2486 (Sen. Ram Villivalam) Creates a Metropolitan Mobility Authority package and sets a timeline for government fleet purchases and operations to transition to zero-emission (or near-zero-emission) vehicles. This legislation did not move in 2025. **IFCA remains opposed.**

SB 2906 (Villivalam) Creates the Transportation Network Driver Labor Relations Act. Defines 'transportation network driver' as an individual who operates a motor vehicle that: (i) is owned, leased, or otherwise authorized for use by the individual; (ii) is not a taxicab or for-hire public passenger vehicle; (iii) is used to provide transportation network company services; and (iv) operates under the license of a transportation network company. **IFCA is reviewing.**

SB 2965 (Halpin) Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Establishes the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Program, administered by the Department of Agriculture. Allows grants to be awarded from the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Fund, which is created as a special fund in the State treasury, for the installation of equipment for the storage and dispensing of fuels with higher blends of ethanol or biodiesel feedstock, according to the application and eligibility requirements established by rule by the Department of Agriculture. **IFCA is reviewing.**

SB 2858 (Faraci) Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person may reassign his or her registration plate to another person. Provides that, if a person who has a registration plate in his or her name seeks to reassign the registration plate to another person (rather than his or her spouse or child), the Secretary of State shall waive any transfer fee or vanity or personalized registration plate fee. IFCA is monitoring.

HB 4374 (B. Hernandez) Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Allows a person to drive a commercial motor vehicle without obtaining a commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit if the commercial motor vehicle weighs less than 26,001 pounds gross vehicle weight rating and is equipped with hydraulic brakes, air brakes, or any other system that complies with the federal motor carrier vehicle safety standards. IFCA is reviewing.

HB 4348 (Ugaste) Amends the Toll Highway Act. Provides that the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority shall not charge a toll for a vehicle of the first division pulling a trailer with no more than 2 axles at a rate higher than an amount calculated by multiplying the toll charged to passenger vehicles using an I-PASS device by the total number of axles on the trailer. Provides that the toll rate applies to both a driver who uses an I-PASS device and a driver who uses cash to pay tolls. Effective immediately. IFCA is reviewing.

HB 4399 (Delgado) Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2027, a diesel powered vehicle owned or operated by the State, any county or unit of local government, any school district, any community college or public college or university, or any mass transit agency must use a biodiesel blend that contains 19%, unless the engine is designed or retrofitted to operate on a higher percentage of biodiesel or on ultra low sulfur fuel. Allows, in December, January, February, and March, a biodiesel blend of at least 10% to be used. IFCA is reviewing.

SB 2753 (Glowiak-Hilton) Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that vehicles shall be inspected every 2 years on a schedule that begins in the sixth (rather than fourth) calendar year after the vehicle model year. IFCA is reviewing.

SB 2789 (Joyce) The bill amends the Illinois Highway Code to generally allow high voltage transmission lines to be built and maintained within public rights-of-way and along state and interstate highway corridors, unless the Illinois Department of Transportation determines restrictions are needed for safety or highway operations. It also requires IDOT to coordinate with utilities or developers on corridor selection and a constructability report for co-location projects, and amends the Public Utilities Act to set a priority order for siting new electric transmission facilities. IFCA is monitoring.

SB 2791 (Murphy) The bill amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to broaden what counts as "using" an electronic communication device while driving (including recording video, holding the device, texting, or browsing) and creates a presumption of use if the device is seen in the driver's hand while the vehicle is in motion or stopped in traffic. It increases penalties (up to \$250 first offense, \$500 plus a safety course second, and \$750 plus a 3–6 month license suspension for third or later), adds and narrows certain exceptions (including an 18+ requirement for hands-free/voice mode), allows municipalities to create automated enforcement programs, and takes effect January 1, 2027. IFCA is monitoring.

SB 2842 (Halpin) The bill amends the Public Utilities Act to prohibit a carbon dioxide pipeline owner or operator that has received an Illinois Commerce Commission certificate under the Carbon Dioxide Transportation and Sequestration Act from seeking or using eminent domain authority from the Commission. It also amends the Carbon Dioxide Transportation and Sequestration Act to make clear that a certificate of authority does not grant eminent domain power to acquire easements or other property interests for a CO₂ pipeline, and deletes related eminent domain language. IFCA is monitoring.

EMPLOYMENT AND COMMERCE

HB 2897 (Villanueva) Amends the Personal Information Protection Act. Provides that a data collector shall not own, maintain, license, store, or disclose records that contain immigration or citizenship status information concerning an Illinois resident. IFCA is monitoring.

SB 2967 (A. Johnson) Creates the Menstrual Health Workplace Equity Act. IFCA is reviewing.

HB 4457 (Briel) Creates the Gender Pricing Equity Act. Provides that a person, firm, partnership, company, corporation, or business shall not charge a different price for any goods that are substantially similar if those goods are priced differently based on the gender of the individuals for whom the goods are marketed and intended. IFCA is monitoring.

SB 2501/HB 3762 (Peters/Gonzalez) This bill creates the Workplace Extreme Temperature Safety Act. Provides that the Director of Labor shall adopt rules to establish excessive heat and excessive cold standards. Sets forth temporary excessive heat and excessive cold standards. IFCA is opposed.

SB 2889 (Fowler) Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of 'employee' does not include a worker participating in the H-2A temporary agricultural program. Effective immediately. IFCA is monitoring.

HB 4341 (Morgan) The bill amends Illinois corporate and LLC statutes to let an entity list its registered agent's registered office as its principal office when it does not have a non-residential physical location. To do so, the entity must attest it only has a residential address, obtain the registered agent's consent, and provide the Secretary of State a physical address for at least one officer or director that is kept confidential from the public. IFCA is monitoring.

OTHER STATEWIDE POLICY

SB 2365 (Sen. Jason Plummer) Requires state and local public funds to divest from certain "foreign adversary" investments and restricts deposits or investments in banks domiciled in those jurisdictions on a defined timeline. This legislation did move in 2025. IFCA is monitoring.

SB 2926 (Tracy) Amends the Time Standardization Act. Exempts the State from daylight saving time requirements under the federal Uniform Time Act of 1966. IFCA is monitoring.

SB 125 (Sen. Laura Murphy) Creates a genetically engineered food labeling requirement, making certain foods misbranded if genetic engineering is not disclosed as required. This legislation did not move in 2025. IFCA remains opposed.

SB 2738 (Hills) Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Increases, by one class, the penalties for the unlawful possession of nitrous oxide or any substance containing nitrous oxide. Increases, by one class, the penalties for intentionally manufacturing, delivering, or possessing with intent to manufacture or deliver nitrous oxide for any prohibited purpose. IFCA is monitoring.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND PRIVACY

HB 4544 (Delgado) Creates the Preventing Algorithmic Pricing Discrimination Act. Requires any person who knowingly advertises, promotes, labels, or publishes a statement, display, image, offer, or announcement of personalized algorithmic pricing using consumer data specific to a particular individual must disclose that this price was set by an algorithm using the individual's personal data. IFCA is monitoring.

SB 2875 (Murphy) The legislation creates the Illinois Consumer Data Privacy Act, applying to businesses that meet certain size or revenue thresholds based on how many Illinois consumers' personal data they control or process and how much of their revenue comes from selling personal data. It defines covered "personal data," grants consumers rights like access, correction, disclosure lists, and the ability to challenge profiling with an appeal process, exempts certain government and federally regulated data, and makes the Attorney General responsible for enforcement while limiting overlapping home rule regulation. IFCA is reviewing.

ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT

IFCA recently joined our external partners in issuing a letter of support to Congress and Secretary of State Giannoulias for HR 4601/S 2909. This proposal is the Seasonal Ag CDL Modernization Act. This Act seeks to streamline the renewal process for restricted CDLs and provides clear exemptions for agricultural implements. If you would like more information on this initiative, please reach out.