

ILLINOIS FERTILIZER & CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION

"NEWS UNDER THE DOME"



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day
April 9th
Illinois State Capitol
- IFCA Golf Outing
July 24th
The Den, Bloomington
- MAGIE Show
August 20th & 21st
- 4R Field Day
September 4th
Hammond, IL

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WEEK OF MARCH 31ST, 2025

The Senate was in session this week while the House took the week off, a reversal from last week. Members of the Senate focused on moving a handful of bills that received deadline extensions through committees and address issues on the Senate floor. Most of the action took place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week while both chambers are expected to work a full week next week, ahead of next Friday's Third Reading deadline.

While the House was not in session this week, the chamber held a handful of subject matter hearings focused on ethics, higher education, and appropriation.

Just a reminder, the AG Day at the Illinois State Capitol is next Wednesday, April 9th. If you would like to attend, please reach out to KJ at kj@ifca.com. IFCA will hold a legislative reception on May 6th with the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois. More details will be coming next week.

FERTILIZER LEGISLATION

HB2745 - NITROGEN REDUCTION INCENTIVE / Rep. Jay 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, 2026, 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 to HB2745. HB2745 did not move out of the Energy & Environment Committee. HB2745 will not be moving this session.**

HB191 – FERTILIZER / Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch

Amends the Illinois Fertilizer Act of 1961. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title. **IFCA is Monitoring HB191. HB191 is assigned to Executive Committee.**

SB308 – FERTILIZER / Sen. Don Harmon

Amends the Illinois Fertilizer Act of 1961. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title. **IFCA is Monitoring SB308. SB308 is assigned to Executive Committee.**

PESTICIDE LEGISLATION

SB703– Continuing Education Credits for Pesticide Licenses / Sen. Dave Koehler

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. SB703 would allow holders of a current valid pesticide license to renew their license by seeking continual educational pesticide knowledge. SB703 would require the IDOA to create a CEC program, providing an option where a licensed applicator completes 5 hours/credits a year of continuous education for a 3-year re-certification/license period. IFCA Supports SB703. This is IFCA top priority for this spring session.

IFCA is Supporting SB703. **SB703 has been referred to Assignments Committee.**



HB1645 - PESTICIDE-2,4-D BAN / Rep. Michelle Mussman

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Bans the sale and use of ester formulations of 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid. **IFCA is Opposed to HB1645. HB1645 did not move out of the House Energy & Environment Committee. HB1645 will not be moving this session.**

HB3803 - PESTICIDES-GLYPHOSATE BAN / Rep. Joyce Mason

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that no person shall distribute, sell, offer for sale, or use glyphosate or any products containing glyphosate within the State. Provides that the Department of Agriculture may adopt any rules it deems necessary to implement the provisions. **IFCA is Opposed it HB3803. HB3803 did not move out of the House Energy & Environment Committee. HB3808 will not be moving this spring session.**



SB92/HB1156 - PRETREATED SEED BAN-ETHANOL / Sen. Karina Villa / Rep. Will Guzzardi

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall produce ethanol using seeds that have been treated with a pesticide. **IFCA is Monitoring SB92/HB1156. SB92 and HB1156 did not move out of committee and will not be moving this spring session.**

HB1596 - PESTICIDE-NOTICE-SCHOOLS / Rep. Laura Faver Dias

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Requires certified pesticide applicators to give written or email notice 72 hours prior to application of pesticide to schools and parks within half of a mile from the site of application. Provides other notice requirements. **IFCA is Opposed to HB1596. HB1596 passed out of the House Energy & Environment Committee. IFCA is working with the sponsor on an amendment to try and take our opposition off the legislation.**

SB1574/HB3844 - PESTICIDES-OPERATOR REGULATION / Sen. Doris Turner/Sonya Harper

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Replaces the definition of the term "licensed operator" with definitions of the terms "licensed large-scale operator" and "licensed small-scale operator". Provides that the Director of Agriculture shall issue separate certification tests for licensed large-scale operators and licensed small-scale operators based on the rules and regulations prescribed for each by the Department of Agriculture. Makes conforming changes in the Act. **IFCA is Monitoring SB1574/HB3844. SB1574 and HB3844 have been assigned to the Ag Committee.**

HB845 – PESTICIDES / Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title. **IFCA is Monitoring HB845. HB845 is assigned to the Ag Committee.**

SB112 – PESTICIDES / Sen. John F. Curran

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title. **IFCA is Monitoring SB112. SB112 is assigned to Executive Committee.**

FOREIGN LAND OWNERSHIP LEGISLATION

SB2365 - FOREIGN ADVERSARY DIVESTMENT / Sen. Jason Plummer

Creates the Foreign Adversary Divestment Act. Defines "foreign adversary" as the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolas Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, or any other entity deemed to be a foreign adversary by the Governor in consultation with the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security. Provides that all State-managed funds and local-managed funds are prohibited from holding investments in any foreign adversary, State-owned enterprise of a foreign adversary, company domiciled within a foreign adversary, or company owned or controlled by a foreign adversary, State-owned enterprise of a foreign adversary, company domiciled within a foreign adversary, or other entity within a foreign adversary. [IFCA is Monitoring SB2365](#). **SB2365 has been referred to Assignments Committee. SB2365 will not be moving this spring session.**

SB2372 - FARMLAND TRANSITION / Sen. Sally J. Turner

Creates the Farmland Transition Commission Act. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall establish a Farmland Transition Commission to examine current barriers individuals ages 21 through 40 face when trying to purchase or access farmland, review current incentives and policies to encourage the transfer of farmland to current or prospective farmers between the ages of 21 through 40, and to make recommendations on possible incentives or policies to assist these individuals in purchasing or accessing farmland. Specifies membership of the Commission. Provides that Commission members shall serve without compensation. Provides that the Commission shall meet at least on a quarterly basis. Provides that the Commission shall file a report annually with the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1 of each year on its recommendations for possible incentives to assist young farmers between the ages of 21 and 40 in acquiring access to farmland in the State. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall provide administrative and other support to the Commission as needed. Provides that the Commission is dissolved and this provision is repealed on December 31, 2031. [IFCA is Monitoring SB2372](#). **SB2372 has been assigned to Agriculture Committee.**

PFAS

HB1295 - PFAS-PRODUCT BAN / Rep. Michael J. Kelly

Amends the PFAS Reduction Act. Requires, on or before January 1, 2027, a manufacturer of a product sold, offered for sale, or distributed in the State that contains intentionally added PFAS to submit to the Environmental Protection Agency specified information. Provides that, if the Pollution Control Board has reason to believe that a product contains intentionally added PFAS and the product is being offered for sale in the State, the Board may direct the manufacturer of the product to provide the Board with testing results that demonstrate the amount of each of the PFAS in the product. Provides that, if testing demonstrates that the product does not contain intentionally added PFAS, the manufacturer must provide the Board with a certificate attesting that the product does not contain intentionally added PFAS. Restricts the sale of specified products beginning January 1, 2026 if the product contains intentionally added PFAS. Allows the Agency to establish a fee payable by a manufacturer to the Agency upon submission of the required information to cover the Agency's reasonable costs to implement the provisions. Allows the Agency to coordinate with the Board, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Public Health to enforce the provisions. Sets forth products that are exempt from the provisions. [IFCA is Opposed to HB1295](#). **HB1295 did not move out of the House Energy & Environment Committee. HB1295 will not be moving out this spring session.**



SB167 - PFAS-CHILD PRODUCTS / Sen. Laura Fine

Amends the PFAS Reduction Act. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, a person may not sell, offer for sale, or distribute for sale in this State a juvenile product if the product or a product component contains intentionally added PFAS. **IFCA is Opposed to SB167. SB167 was referred to assignments. SB167 will not be moving this spring session.**

HB2409 - PFAS-FIREFIGHTING PPE / Rep. Michael J. Kelly

Amends the PFAS Reduction Act. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, organization, joint venture, importer, or domestic distributor of firefighting agents or firefighting equipment that sells firefighting personal protective equipment containing PFAS chemicals to any person, local government, or State agency shall provide written notice to the purchaser at the time of sale. **IFCA is Opposed HB2409. HB2409 was passed out of Police and Fire Committee on a 13-0 vote.**

HB2516 - PFAS PRODUCT BAN / Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Amends the PFAS Reduction Act. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, a person may not sell, offer for sale, or distribute for sale in this State the following products if the product contains intentionally added PFAS: (1) cookware, (2) cosmetics, (3) dental floss, (4) juvenile products, (5) menstrual products, (6) intimate apparel, or (7) food packaging or food contact products. Defines terms. **IFCA is Opposed to HB2516. HB2516 passed out of House Energy & Environment Committee on a 19-0 vote.**

HB2954 - PFAS TRUST ACT / Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Creates the Taxpayer Relief from Ubiquitous Synthetic Toxics (TRUST) Act. Creates the PFAS Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that the Fund shall include settlements from enforcement actions brought by the Attorney General, as well as other moneys. Provides for a PFAS Grant Program funded by the PFAS Fund to cover PFAS-related costs of eligible entities as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency. **IFCA is Opposed to HB2954. HB2954 did not move out of the House Energy & Environment Committee. HB2954 will not be moving this spring session.**

HB2955 - EPA-PFAS WASTEWATER / Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Creates the PFAS Wastewater Citizen Protection Act. Creates the PFAS Wastewater Citizen Protection Committee for specific purposes. Provides that the Committee shall submit a PFAS Action Plan to the Governor's Office, the General Assembly, and the Environmental Protection Agency no later than one year after the effective date of the Act. **IFCA is Opposed to HB2955. HB2955 passed out of Energy & Environment Committee on a 19-0 vote. HB2955 now moves to the House floor.**

OTHER LEGISLATION THAT IFCA IS WATCHING

SB2486/HB3778 – CALIFORNIA EMMISONS MANDATE

The bill provides that starting next year, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall adopt rules to implement the motor vehicle emission standards of the State of California, including, but not limited to the (1) zero-emission vehicle program, (2) low-emission vehicle program, (3) advanced clean trucks program, and (4) heavy-duty low NOx omnibus program, and shall amend the rules within 6 months of any changes to maintain consistency with the California motor vehicle emission standards and federal clean air laws. **IFCA is Opposed to SB2486/HB3778. SB2486 was referred to assignments. HB3778 was assigned to Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges committee.**



SB125 - GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD / Sen. Laura M. Murphy

Creates the Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act. Provides that, beginning on the effective date of the Act, any food offered for retail sale in this State is misbranded if it is entirely or partially produced with genetic engineering and that fact is not disclosed in a specified manner. Provides that the Act shall not be construed to require the listing of specific ingredients as genetically engineered. Creates exemptions from the requirements of the Act. Creates a right of action for violations of the Act. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall adopt rules necessary to implement the Act. **IFCA is Opposed to SB125. SB125 was referred to assignments. SB125 will not be moving this spring session.**



HB1873 - PUBLIC ACCESS-NAVIGABLE WATERS / Rep. Janet Yang Rohr

Amends the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act. Provides that the public right to access and use navigable waters includes all rights recognized by State or federal law. Provides that any segment of a lake, river, or stream that is capable of supporting use by commercial or recreational watercraft for a substantial part of the year, or that is actually so used, shall be deemed navigable, and shall be open to public access and use, unless the contrary is proven in litigation by a preponderance of the evidence. Provides that public uses in such waters shall include boating, tubing, fishing, swimming, and wading. Requires the Department of Natural Resources to protect such public uses against interference or encroachment as provided in the Act. Provides that nothing in the Act shall limit the right of any person to challenge the legality of alleged interference with the public right to access or use navigable waters in any appropriate civil or criminal litigation. **IFCA is Opposed to HB1873. HB1873 was assigned to House Energy & Environment Committee.**

HB3596 - WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT / Rep. Anna Moeller

Creates the Wetlands Protection Act. Provides that no person may discharge dredged or fill material into a State jurisdictional wetland except with a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources. Exempts certain activities from the requirements of the Act. Sets forth procedures for individual permit applications and other related procedural requirements. Provides that the Department shall not issue an individual permit unless the Environmental Protection Agency certifies to the Department that there will not be a violation of State water quality standards. Provides that the Department may issue an after-the-fact permit in certain emergency circumstances. Sets forth financial assurance requirements. **IFCA is Opposed to HB3596. HB3596 was assigned to House Energy & Environment Committee.**

HB1847 - GARDENS-SEED SAVING / Rep. John M. Cabello

Amends the Garden Act. Provides that a person may save the seeds grown in a vegetable garden for personal consumption or non-commercial sharing. Provides that a unit of local government may not adopt a regulation or ordinance that precludes saving seeds grown in vegetable gardens. **IFCA is Opposed to HB1847. HB1847 was assigned to Agriculture Committee. HB1847 will not be moving this spring session.**