



Agenda

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives Washington, D.C. Fly-In 18th Annual Washington Conference June 22 – 24, 2015

Monday June 22, 2015

- 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Registration
- 7:45 AM - 9:15 AM Animal Agriculture Subcommittee Meeting (Breakfast Served)
- 7:45 AM - 9:15 AM Fruit, Vegetable & Nut Subcommittee Meeting
- 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Energy and Environment Subcommittee Meeting
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Grab'n Go Lunch
- 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM International Affairs Subcommittee Meeting
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Food and Nutrition Subcommittee Meeting
- 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM Labor and Infrastructure Subcommittee Meeting
- 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM GROWMARK BRIEFING FOR HILL VISITS** – *Congressional CD room – Lobby Level*
- 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM Government Affairs Committee General Session
- 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Opening Reception at 500 North Capitol St, NW

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

- 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration
- 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Cooperative Education Networking Forum
- 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM General Session I (Breakfast Served)
- 9:00 AM - 3:15 PM Optional Spouse Tour
- 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Hill Visits**
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Political Advocacy & Leadership Program for Young Cooperators General Session
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Council Meeting (Lunch Served)
- 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM NCFC CO-OP/PAC Advisory Committee Meeting
- 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM NCFC Council Member Hill Visits – (Spradlin Rejoins the Group)
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Congressional Reception

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

- 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM Registration
- 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM General Session II (Breakfast Served)
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Closing Luncheon
- 1:30 PM - Depart for Airport

Issues

GROWMARK and NCFC Issues – Thank Congressional Farmer Cooperative Caucus Members

- Thank you for passing H.R. 897, Reducing the Regulatory Burdens Act
- Thank you for passing the Water Resources Appropriations in the House – Stand alone or in Omnibus – Funding levels should remain as passed.

- We need to see the funding levels passed by the House. Sustainability Program funding of at least \$10 million (now \$13 Million) so we can begin new locks. We accepted fee increase and need to see progress on new locks.
- The Inland Waterways Trust Fund should be funded as close to the \$362 million as possible. (House Passed \$342 Million)
- Thank you for passing Waters of the United States Regulation in the House – “Pass the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015” (WOTUS) (HR 1732) – Focus shifts to Senate.
- “The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015,” (HR 1599) - GROWMARK supports the effort to establish a federal labeling standard for genetically modified ingredients in food. The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act (H.R. 1599), which was reintroduced this Congress by Reps. Mike Pompeo (R-KS) and G.K. Butterfield (D-NC). It is assigned to Energy and Commerce & Agriculture.
- Transportation – Highway Bill – 34-Hour Restart Rule for Hours of Service driving trucks – Extend current law at minimum – make permanent after the Hours of Service study is complete. Early indications are that the rule in place will be supported.
- Tax Extender and Reform Priorities
 - Support Section 199 Deduction - Support Section 199 Deduction - This deduction is very beneficial to cooperatives and their members. The deduction applies to proceeds the cooperative may achieve from products manufactured, produced, grown, or extracted by the cooperative, or marketed through the cooperative. It can be taken by the cooperative, or passed through to the farmer members. Section 199 benefits are returned to the economy through job creation, increased spending on agricultural production and increased spending in rural communities.
 - Support Section 179 Expensing – Enhanced expensing helps stimulate investment. For 2014 the maximum deduction was \$500,000, reduced dollar for dollar for a taxpayer whose purchases exceeded \$2 million. If the enhanced expensing provision that applied in 2014 is not extended, the 2015 deduction will be \$25,000, reduced dollar for dollar when the taxpayer’s expenditures exceed \$800,000. The House has approved (H.R. 636) an extension of the 2014 provisions (\$500,000 and \$2 million).
 - Biofuels Producer Tax Credit - Support the extension of the \$1.00 per gallon biodiesel tax credit to 2015 as included in the Senate bill. Tax credits help new and small volume biofuel producers get started. Our country needs a diverse energy portfolio.

GROWMARK team visits on the Hill



Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth (D-IL-8)

Committees: Armed Services, Oversight and Government Reform
 Previous Occupation: State Veterans Affairs Director
 Residence: Hoffman Estates, Illinois



Congressman Rodney Davis (R-IL-13)

Committees: Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, House Admin.
 Previous Occupation: Congressional Aide
 Residence: Taylorville, Illinois



Congressman Danny Davis (D-IL-7)

Committees: Ways and Means

Previous Occupation: Health Care Association Executive, Teacher

Residence: Chicago, Illinois



Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D-IL-17)

Committees: Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure

Previous Occupation: Journalist, Communications Executive

Residence: East Moline, Illinois



Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-IL-16)

Committees: Energy and Commerce

Previous Occupation: Military Officer, IT Services Company Rep.

Residence: Channahon, Illinois



Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)

Committees: Appropriations, Budget, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions;

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Previous Occupation: Attorney

Residence: Madison, Wisconsin



Congressman Reid Ribble (R-WI-8)

Committees: Foreign Affairs, Transportation and Infrastructure

Previous Occupation: Roofing Contractor

Residence: Sherwood, Wisconsin



Congressman Mark Pocan (D-WI-2)

Committees: Budget, Education and the Workforce

Previous Occupation: Business Owner

Residence: Madison, Wisconsin



Congressman Ron Kind (D-WI-3)

Committees: Ways and Means

Previous Occupation: District Attorney

Residence: La Crosse, Wisconsin



Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI-5)

Committees: Judiciary, Science, Space and Technology

Previous Occupation: Attorney

Residence: Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin



Congressman Glenn Grothman (R-WI-6)

Committees: Budget, Education and the Workforce, Joint Economic Committee, Oversight and Government Reform
Previous Occupation: Attorney
Residence: Campbellsport, Wisconsin



Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL)

Committees: Appropriations, Judiciary, Rules and Administration
Previous Occupation: Attorney
Residence: Springfield, Illinois



Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI)

Committees: Budget, Commerce, Science and Transportation, Foreign Relations, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Chair
Previous Occupation: Business Owner
Residence: Oshkosh, Wisconsin



Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL-1)

Committees: Energy and Commerce
Previous Occupation: Insurance Broker, Political Activist
Residence: Chicago, Illinois



Congressman Mike Bost (R-IL-12)

Committees: Agriculture, Small Business, Veterans' Affairs
Previous Occupation: Beauty Salon Owner, Firefighter
Residence: Murphysboro, Illinois



Congressman Steve King (R-IA-4)

Committees: Agriculture, Judiciary, Small Business
Previous Occupation: Construction Company Owner
Residence: Kiron, Iowa



Congressman Rod Blum (R-IA-1)

Committees: Budget, Oversight and Government Reform
Previous Occupation: Business Owner, Software Developer
Residence: Dubuque, Iowa



Congressman John Shimkus (R-IL-15)

Committees: Energy and Commerce
Previous Occupation: Teacher
Residence: Collinsville, Illinois