

State Level Agriculture Policy

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Farm Bureau Priority:

- Senate Bill 1184 by Senator Jay Collins
 - *Raise fire tax exemption rate for non-residential farm buildings to \$350,000*
 - *Provides further protections to Florida's Greenbelt law*
 - *Preempts local zoning and planning boards from not allowing farmworker housing to be built on agriculturally zoned property*
 - *Sales tax exemptions for specific labor housing purchases*
 - *Provides that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection shall recognize portable restrooms as permanent when used on agriculture lands.*



Industry Priority:

- Senate Bill 1164/ HB 1279 – Florida Department of Consumer Services by Senator Jay Collins and Representative Danny Alvarez
 - *Creates the Farm TEAM (tax exempt agricultural materials) card*
 - *Requires certain state entities to purchase food grown or produced in the state when available, practical, and feasible by the year 2025*
 - *Expands the Department's use of drones Provides that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection shall recognize portable restrooms as permanent when used on agriculture lands.*
 - *cleanup language for the department*



Other Ag Issues:

- Foreign Landowners
- Right to Repair
- Retail Farm Stand Signs
- Trespassing
- Heat Illness

Potential Issues:

- E-Verify



Appropriations:

- FDACS Funding
- IFAS Funding



Thank you!

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