

Right to Farm US Legislation

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GA

[HB 529](#)

Description:

Would prohibit any county, municipality, consolidated government, or other political subdivision in the state to adopt or enforce any ordinance, rule, regulation, or resolution regulating crop management or animal husbandry practices.

Passed

Pass Date: 5/1/2009

HI

[SB 985](#)

Right to Farm

Description:

Guarantees the rights of farmers and ranchers to engage in farming and ranching practices.

Status: Introduced 1/28/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

IA

[HB 468](#)

Description:

Provides for certain court actions regarding allegations of a public or private nuisance or the interference with a person's comfortable use and enjoyment of life or property caused by an animal feeding operation, providing for the award of damages, costs, and expenses, and including effective date provisions.

Status: Introduced 2/28/2017; Withdrawn 3/22/2017

Failed

IA

[SF 447](#)

The Responsible Farm Protection Bill

Description:

Would establish a new section in Iowa Code to provide nuisance protection to responsible livestock farmers. The nuisance protection would apply to both confinement feeding operations and open feedlot operations. To qualify for the nuisance protection, a livestock farmer must comply with state and federal law and use existing prudent and generally utilized management practices reasonable for the operation.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/29/2017

ID

[HB 210](#)

Description:

Would deem that no agricultural operation, agricultural facility or expansion thereof shall be or become a nuisance, private or public, by any changed conditions in or about the surrounding nonagricultural activities after it has been in operation for more than one year, when the operation, facility or expansion was not a nuisance at the time it began or was constructed.

Status: Effective 07/01/2011

Passed

Pass Date: 4/6/2011

IN

[HB 1091](#)

Description:

Provides that if a court finds that the prosecution or defense of a nuisance action brought against an agricultural operation was frivolous, the court shall award court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the prevailing party.

Passed

Pass Date: 3/15/2012

IN

[HB 1200](#)

Description:

Would prohibit the impairment of traditional or modern farming and livestock production practices.

Status: Introduced 1/14/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

IN

[HJR 5](#)

Right to ranch and farm

Description:

Guarantees the right of Indiana citizens to engage in traditional and modern farming and ranching practices. Provides that no law shall be enacted that abridges the right of Indiana citizens to employ traditional or modern agricultural technology, animal production, or ranching practices.

Status: Introduced 1/10/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

MO

[HJR 11](#)

Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment affirming the right of farmers and ranchers to engage in modern farming and ranching practices.

Status: Enrolled 5/14/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

MO

[Right to Farm Ballot](#)

Right to Farm

Description:

Would guarantee the rights of Missourians to engage in farming and ranching practices. The ballot passed with 50 percent of the vote.

Passed

Pass Date: 8/5/2014

MS

[HB 1122](#)

Description:

Prohibits local governments from regulating agricultural operations activities.

Status: Passed

Passed

Pass Date: 3-16-2018

NC

[SB 711](#)

NC Farm Act of 2018

Description:

The bill is an act to make various changes to agricultural laws, including restricting nuisance lawsuits against farms and other livestock and forestry operations and address the mislabeling of plant-based beverages as "milk." The sale of mislabeled plant-based products will be prohibited with the passing of this act, but only if the same mandate is enacted into law by any 11 of the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Passed

Pass Date: 6/27/2018

ND

Measure 3

North Dakota Farming and Ranching Amendment

Description:

Would block any law which abridges the right of farmers and ranchers to employ agricultural technology, modern livestock production and ranching practices. Ballot passed with 66 percent of the vote.

Passed

Pass Date: 11/8/2012

NE

LB 227

Description:

Change provisions governing determination of a public or private nuisance under the Nebraska Right to Farm Act. The proposed expansion to Nebraska's Right to Farm Act from Sen. Dan Hughes of Venango grants farmers legal protections to change the size of their operation or adopt new technology, as long as they take reasonable steps to mitigate potential nuisances like odor and dust.

Status: Passed 5/8/2019

Passed

Pass Date: 5/8/2019

NE

LR 378 CA

Description:

Constitutional amendment to guarantee the right to engage in certain farming and ranching practices.

Status: Introduced 1/6/2016; Died in Chamber

Failed

NJ

[A 2276](#)

Description:

Extends "Right to Farm" protection to certain agricultural tourism activities and events; requires adoption of agricultural management practices therefor; and permits special occasion events that promote agricultural tourism to be conducted under certain circumstances.

Status: Introduced 2/1/2018

Pending

NM

[SB 348](#)

Right To Farm & Operations As Nuisance

Description:

Would provide that any agricultural operation or agricultural facility is not, nor shall it become, a private or public nuisance by any changed condition in or about the locality of the agricultural operation or agricultural facility if the operation was not a nuisance at the time the operation began except that the provisions of this section shall not apply whenever an agricultural operation or agricultural facility is operated negligently or illegally such that the operation or facility is a nuisance.

Status: Introduced 1/22/2015; Died in Chamber

Failed

NM

[SB 72](#)

Right To Farm & Operations As Nuisance

Description:

Would provide that any agricultural operation or agricultural facility is not, nor shall it become, a private or public nuisance by any changed condition in or about the locality of the agricultural operation or agricultural facility if the operation was not a nuisance at the time the operation began and has been in existence for more than one year.

Passed

Pass Date: 2/1/2016

OK

[HB 1388 / SB 374](#)

An Act relating to nuisances

Description:

Law states no action for nuisance shall be brought against agricultural activities on farm or ranch land which has lawfully been in operation for two (2) years or more prior to the date of bringing the action. The established date of operation is the date on which an agricultural activity on farm or ranch land commenced. This bill would amend the established date of the operation under certain circumstances.

Passed

Pass Date: 5/16/2017

OK

[HJR 1006](#)

Description:

Would protect the rights of farmers and ranchers to engage in modern farming and ranching practices. It prohibits the Legislature from passing laws that would take away the right to employ agricultural technology and modern livestock production.

Status: Introduced 2/4/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

OK

[HJR 1012](#)

SQ 777

Description:

Would protect the rights of citizens and lawful residents of Oklahoma to engage in farming and ranching practices. It prohibits the Legislature from passing laws that would take away the right to employ agricultural technology and livestock production without a compelling state interest.

Passed

Pass Date: 4/30/2015

OR

[SB 103](#)

Description:

Classifies dairies exceeding specified size as industrial facilities for purposes of right to farm laws, air pollution laws and land use laws. Provides that use of water for industrial dairy is industrial use. Allows local governments to adopt human health and safety ordinances restricting or prohibiting air and water emissions by dairies classified as industrial facilities. Prohibits Department of Environmental Quality and State Department of Agriculture from issuing permits for construction of new industrial dairy or for addition to, or expansion of, existing industrial dairy.

Status: Failed 6/30/2019

Failed

RI

[HB 6172](#)

Right to Farm

Description:

Defines secondary agricultural operations and provides that municipalities may limit and regulate secondary

agricultural use but not prohibit such operations.

Status: Introduced 4/28/2017; died in chamber

Failed

SC

[HR 3929](#)

Agriculture Animal Facilities Bill

Description:

A more expedited approval process for new or expanding poultry facilities or other animal agriculture facilities, except a swine facility. Only people living within one mile of the proposed facility may appeal the facility's operating permit

Passed

Pass Date: 3/12/2018

WV

[SB 393](#)

Description:

Would protect the right to farm and protect agricultural operations from nuisance litigation if the facility has been in operation for more than one year.

Status: Enrolled 3/5/2019

Passed

Pass Date: 3/9/2019

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