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**Legislative Report No. 11**  
***2018 Kentucky General Assembly***

Today marks the forty-sixth legislative day of the 2018 session of the Kentucky General Assembly. With only fifteen legislative days left, there are several key issues yet to be finalized which include the state budget, road fund, and potential tax reform. It could be necessary to send out a specific call to action on any of the remaining legislative days.

Kentucky Farm Bureau would like to thank everyone that attended our Legislative Drive-In/Food Check-Out Day activities on Wednesday. We had a great crowd in attendance and it was good to see the halls of Frankfort filled with Farm Bureau leaders from across the state.

The Senate continues to work on their version of the state budget and we are conveying the importance of our funding priorities and other programs important to Kentucky agriculture.

There continues to be discussions of tax reform legislation this session. We continue to convey to the members of the General Assembly our 2018 State Priority Issues on taxation.

However, it is **critical** that members of the General Assembly hear from our membership regarding our tax policy.

**Action Request:**

**Please contact your Senator and Representative and communicate the following:**

- Maintain all of Kentucky's sales tax exemptions for production agriculture.
- Strongly oppose freezing the state real property tax rate.
- Support the provisions of House Bill 44 (KRS 132.010). Revenue from property taxes should continue to be limited to 4% plus new growth. Proposals to exceed 4% should automatically go to the voters.

## **HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS**

During the week, you may reach your representative and senator in Frankfort by calling 502.564.8100.

If you do not desire to talk to your state legislator immediately or you just want to leave a message, you may dial toll-free 800.372.7181. An answering service will take your message for your representative or senator. The legislative calendar information line is 800.633.9650, the bill status line is 866.840.2835, and the Governor's office number is 502.564.2611.

If you desire to e-mail your representative or senator, [click here](#) for a list of e-mail addresses for members of the Kentucky General Assembly. Find your legislator and click on his or her name to access their e-mail address.

[Click here](#) to view the **2018 Standing Committee Schedule**.

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[Click here](#) to view the updated **2018 Regular Session Calendar**.

## **YOUR LOBBYISTS**

The following are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2018 session: Jeff Harper, Public Affairs Director, extension 5104; Tony Sholar, extension 5121, and David S. Beck, extension 5101. If you would like to call your lobbyists during the evening, call 502.352.4280 at the Frankfort headquarters or call 502.495.5000 and key in their extensions.

If you would like to contact one of your lobbyists during the day, please call Sara Stivers at 502.495.5121 and she will put you in touch with one of them.

## **FUTURE DATES OF INTEREST**

March 27 & March 28..... Concurrence Only  
March 29 - April 9..... Veto Period  
April 13.....General Assembly, Sine Die

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