

Minnesota Department of Agriculture and Legislative Update

- 2026 legislative session wrap-up
 - No agriculture bill was passed this past session, with the legislature instead focusing on big-ticket items like fraud prevention and the response to Operation Metro Surge.
- Election outlook
 - All legislators, the governor, and other constitutional offices are on the ballot in November.
- 2027 session preview
 - The 2027 session will depend entirely on the outcome of this year's election. We will have a new governor and likely many new commissioners and staff.
- IMT and Ag Emergency Account updates
 - IMT and the Ag Emergency Account remain active in preparation for HPAI and other possible outbreaks.
- Policy and budget prep
 - The Board does not have any urgent policy items this year. We will monitor bill introductions as usual for any proposals affecting Board jurisdiction.
- MDA has opened a legislative portal for stakeholders and members of the public to contribute policy ideas on anything food and agriculture-related. Those in the animal health space are encouraged to submit ideas. The online portal closes on 9/18.
 - Portal link: <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/2027-legislative-ideas>