



2021 Legislative Priorities

- ✓ Reinstatement of a State Meat Inspection Program under the Arkansas Department of Agriculture and funding for the program
- ✓ Provide resources for broadband access to rural areas
- ✓ Improve the Levee and Drainage Board structure in order for them to operate in an efficient and effective manner, in order to maintain the integrity of the overall systems.
- ✓ Refine the appointment process for the State Plant Board, while maintaining the integrity and authority of the Board.

Other Priorities

- ✓ Tax Priorities
 - Exempt any state income taxes on Federal relief payments (CFAP, PPP).
 - Create a tax exemption for all parts and labor on agricultural equipment.
 - Expand uses of conservation tax credits to allow additional practices without expanding current funding levels.
 - Develop a tax credit program for beginning farmers.
 - Amend state law to allow for Section 179 farm depreciation to mirror federal law.
- ✓ Expand Arkansas Lemon Law to match federal standards for Class 3 (one-ton) vehicles.
- ✓ Allow the Forestry Commission to use current funds for scholarships to address the shortfall in trained foresters.
- ✓ Obtaining funding for a Center for Forest Business at the University of Arkansas-Monticello
- ✓ Require Arkansas dairies be paid based on the posted price of the milk they deliver instead of a blended price that the buyer currently calculates.