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Property Rights:

- Support legislation to reform eminent domain laws to provide landowners with more rights and information.
- Support efforts to better protect surface owners from damages that occur from oil and gas production.

Budget:

- Support funding for West Texas A&M University exceptional item for Advancing Food Animal Production in the Texas Panhandle.
- Support authorization and funding for the Texas Tech University College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Support appropriations requests of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the Texas Department of Agriculture, and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Research and Forest Service and Veterinary Diagnostic Lab.

Taxes:

- Support efforts to reduce and/or repeal the franchise tax.
- Oppose any efforts to repeal the agriculture sales tax exemption and the agriculture property tax valuation.

Central Filing:

- Support legislation to establish a central filing system so buyers of agriculture products can easily and accurately determine the lien status of those products.

Beef Labeling:

- Support legislation to ensure that cell cultured and plant based foods are not misleadingly labeled as beef.

Water:

- Oppose legislation that would negatively impact landowners' ownership interest in all sources of groundwater.
- Oppose legislation that would negatively impact landowners' surface water rights.

Animal Health:

- Oppose legislation to alter the composition of TAHC and/or transfer the TAHC to another state agency.

Transportation:

- Support efforts to increase allowable tractor-trailer gross weight for transporting cattle and feed.
- Support efforts to increase the axle weight tolerance for livestock and other agriculture commodities that shift during transit.

Education:

- Support efforts to strengthen career and technical education and certification programs.

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