

# Livestock Policy Update

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## Overview

- Farm Bill
- Other Policy



## Farm Bill

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## Farm Bills(s)

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  - Extension until whenever
  - House and Senate versions
- Livestock Title
  - Not in either bill
  - In last farm bill, but largely dealt with competition issues
  - Controversial in livestock circles
- Title XII Miscellaneous
  - Several authorizations

## **Risk Shifting**

- Might Argue Current Direction Resulting in Significant “Risk Shifting”
  - Not sure its any different than before
  - More crop insurance, or crop insurance type safety net programs
  - Livestock producers left with risks that crops don’t face

## **Risk Shifting**

- Some Insurance in Livestock
  - Gross Margin (LGM – Dairy)
  - Livestock Risk Protection (LRP)
  - Pasture, Rainfall, Forage (PRF)
- Different Set of Issues Across Livestock
  - Integrated production in poultry and hogs

## Others

## Animal Identification

- Final Rule Jan. 9, 2013
  - Sets minimum national animal ID documentation requirements for livestock moving interstate
- Brands are Recognized
  - With brand inspection certificate
  - If receiving and shipping states agree
- Feeder Cattle Exempt
  - Cattle under 18 months old
  - Handled under a separate rule

## **Animal Identification**

- Sets Minimum, Leaves A Lot Up To States
- In Texas, For Example, As of Jan. 1
  - Intact adult beef cattle 18 months old and older
  - Mexican origin event stock
  - Identification required at change of ownership
  - Number of tags acceptable
  - Ranch brand registered with the county not acceptable as official ID, though they are for ownership

## **RFS**

- Temporary Waiver Not Granted
  - Analysis suggests would have done little to reduce corn prices anyway
- Disastrous for Livestock Industries
  - Continue to adjust
- Issue Not Going Away

## Host of Others

- Antibiotic Use
- Public Land Use
- Animal Welfare
- Production Process
- Market Issues
- And More...