

POLICY POINTS TO CONSIDER

Based on Summer Conference Advisory Committee discussions

Equine

- American Horse Council's 2023 Economic Impact Study of the Equine Industry
- HB 66 and the new MT Dept of Livestock reporting requirements/payment due date of per capita fees
- American Quarter Horse Association's proposal to change to digital only registration certificates in 2025

Farm & Trade

- Montana's place in international trade
- EPA's Herbicide and Insecticide strategies to address the Endangered Species ACT

Livestock

- Beef Promotion- Additional dollar for Montana checkoff
- Electronic ID Tags
- Grasshoppers- funding for USDA Aphis
- HB 66- An act revising the livestock per capita fee payment due date

Public & Private Lands

- BLM Public Lands Rule (conservation as a multiple use)
- USFWS Policy changes regarding agriculture cooperators, pesticide use, use of genetically engineered organisms, and predator controls

Resource Management, Environment & Technology

- Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture
- Modern implementation of the Endangered Species Act

Sheep & Goat

- Lack of Wool Markets & Shortage of sheep shearers
- Predator control
- Reintroductions of predators
- Shortage of vets willing to practice on sheep.
- ESA rulings on wildlife as to who, what, and where they are protected or not.
- New rulings for livestock prescription drugs limiting availability to sheep and goats

Taxation, Transportation and Labor

- Property Tax & Land Classification Work Group Update

Water

- Comprehensive Water Review Update
 - o Divisional Court Judge Selection Process
 - o Exempt Wells