



Legislative Update

February 5, 2026

Week Two (January 26-30, 2026)

Utah Farm Bureau Day on the Hill

Last Friday, Utah Farm Bureau members gathered for another successful Day on the Hill. It was great to see everyone, and we especially enjoyed having so many of our industry partners join us in the Rotunda for conversations with lawmakers. Farm Bureau socks for legislators were a big hit and sparked a lot of light-hearted interactions with lawmakers throughout the day. Members also heard directly from key leaders, including Utah House Speaker Mike Schultz and U.S. Representative Celeste Maloy, who provided valuable legislative updates and highlighted the importance of Utah agriculture and the role Farm Bureau plays in shaping sound policy. We hope everyone enjoyed being together at the Capitol. You can watch Senator Sandall's Senate Floor speech welcoming Farm Bureau members by clicking [here](#).



U.S. Rep. Celeste Maloy (Photo Credit: Terry Camp)

Utah FFA Association Request for Appropriations

On Friday morning, Sen. Derrin Owens presented a request for an ongoing \$574,800 appropriation to support the Utah FFA Association, with the assistance of Buddy Deimler, a retired specialist, State FFA Advisor, and Utah County Farm Bureau board member. The proposal would fund key positions at Utah State University, cover national FFA dues to maintain 100% membership for students in agricultural education, and support the Agricultural Experience Tracker used to monitor Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects. The request is vital due to FFA's rapid growth to 17,491 members statewide and the significant impact of SAEs,

which in 2024 included 15,526 projects, more than 582,670 hours of student work, and nearly \$6 million in student-generated income. Funding would also expand leadership opportunities, reduce costs for major FFA events, and strengthen teacher recruitment and retention to ensure agricultural education remains strong across Utah. You can watch Sen. Owens and Buddy's presentation by clicking [here](#).



Utah FFA State Officers Watch Appropriations Presentation (Photo Credit: Terry Camp)

Vehicle Registration & Insurance Requirements

On Wednesday, Utah Farm Bureau testified in support of [H.B. 47, Vehicle Registration and Insurance Amendments](#), sponsored by Rep. Jason Kyle. The bill corrects an unintended change made during last session by clarifying that liability insurance is required when a vehicle is operated on a highway in Utah, rather than based solely on whether the vehicle is registered. This fix is important for our farmers and ranchers who have vehicles that are registered but used only seasonally or intermittently. By tying the insurance requirement to actual use on public roads, the bill helps ensure registrations are not canceled during times when a vehicle is not operating and insurance is dropped. You can rewatch the full hearing [here](#).



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Policy Resources

As the session continues, please remember that you can follow priority legislation through the Utah Farm Bureau Legislative Tracker, available under the [“Policy & Action”](#) tab on our website. The 2026 Policy Book is also now online, and you can read it by clicking [here](#). You can find your state representative and senator by typing your address in the search bar on this [page](#).

As always, we encourage you to actively send our policy team questions or comments on topics of concern.

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