

2026 Policy Priorities

MCA Policy & Resolutions

Access to Advanced Bovine Reproductive Technologies

The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture has identified multiple shortages of veterinarians in Missouri. Most of these shortages involve rural area veterinarians with food animal practices. The University of Missouri has both Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in its animal sciences program, studying advanced reproductive technologies such as in vitro fertilization. Current law, however, does not allow them to carry out these practices. The Missouri Veterinary Practice Act has not been amended on this topic since 1999, Addressing only embryo transfer, since IVF was not commercially available in 1999. MCA continues its indisputable track record of fighting for large animal veterinarians. MCA believes the best & most qualified experts should be accessible to cattle producers to perform reproductive technologies.

HB 2470 – Rep. Jeff Farnan

SB 883 – Sen. Rusty Black

Landowner Fairness Act

MCA supports modifying condemnation proceedings to ensure property owners are adequately compensated. This act also modifies the definition of "heritage value" to include property that has been owned within the same family for at least 20 years, rather than 50 years. Along those lines, language was added to provide additional compensation for beginning farmers and ranchers. This act requires 15-day notice to the property owner for purposes relating to surveying. It also protects against trespassing. Upon filing a condemnation petition, summons shall give the property owner at least 60 days, rather than 10 days, from the date of service before the petition may be heard. It also provides the property owner 30 days from the date of service to answer the petition.

HB 3375 – Rep. Mike Costlow

SB 1698 – Sen. Nick Schroer

SB 1699 – Sen. Kurtis Gregory

Wind and Solar Development

The Missouri Cattlemen's Association does not at all oppose landowners voluntarily entering into leases with developers. We do oppose the unnecessary use of eminent domain for the construction of these structures. Further, we support the establishment of basic guardrails when it comes to wind and solar development. For example, MCA supports the taxation of major solar energy as commercial real estate or taxed equivalent to wind energy and opposes these companies being taxed as farming/ranching property. Further, MCA supports major solar energy projects being assessed locally, and subject to property tax in the county in which they are located. MCA also supports reasonable setback and decommissioning requirements for both wind and solar.

HB 2169 – Rep. Brad Pollitt

HB 2816 – Rep. Kent Haden

HB 3073 – Rep. Rudy Veit

SB 879 – Sen. Travis Fitzwater

SB 954 – Sen. Jason Bean

Public Service Commission

The power grid in this country is built largely on the backs of private landowners. The PSC has the authority to review utility projects and determine if eminent domain is warranted. With this said, there is currently no requirement for landowners or farmers and ranchers to have a seat on the PSC. MCA policy believes that voice is missing and needs to be corrected.

SB 1294 – Sen. Mike Bernskoetter

Policy items are put forward by members and members of the Policy and Legislative Affairs Committee and approved by the general membership at the Annual Missouri Cattle Industry Convention.

