Fertilizer Tonnage Fee Increase Effective July 1, 2018

Governor Daugaard will be signing HB1264 and SB 183 on Veto Day today. Both bills fund a new building on the SDSU campus that will house the ag engineering program at 37,933 net assignable square feet (nasf) and a small portion of the plant science program at 14,763 nasf. The unfunded remodel of two floors in Berg Agriculture Hall houses the majority of the plant science programs.

The 25-cent increase does not go into effect immediately, as previously reported, but on July 1, 2018 instead. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture is notifying fertilizer manufacturers, so hopefully they will be collecting and remitting the new tax on your behalf. Executive Director, Kathy Zander, suggests that fertilizer invoices or a signage include a break-down of these fees.

The total Fertilizer Tonnage Fee of 90 cents effective July 1, 2018:
15 cents – South Dakota Department of Ag Regulatory Fund (Effective February 2, 2009)
50 cents – Nutrient Research and Education Council (Effective July 1, 2016)
25 cents – Precision Agriculture Fund (Effective July 30, 2018)

SDABA Board of Directors Welcomes New Members and Officers

The SDABA Board of Directors elected Ryan Schuchhardt, Agtegra, President; and Brad Nemmers, Bayer CropScience, Vice President.

Three new directors were also elected, Djamel Khali, Agtegra for District 3 dealer director; and Grant Harms, Corteva Agriscience and Matt Thompson, FMC as industry directors.

The 13 members of the SDABA Board of Directors – seven Dealer Directors and six Industry Directors, are as follows:

- Ryan Schuchhardt, Agtegra, Huron; District 6 President
- Brad Nemmers, Bayer CropScience, Dell Rapids; Industry Vice President
- Tara Pirak, Valley Ag Supply, Gayville; District 1
- Jeff Cleveland, CHS Farmers Alliance, Mitchell; District 2
- Craig Bair, Agtegra, Clark; District 3
- Djamel Khali, Agtegra, Aberdeen; District 4
- Dane Gillen, CHS Farmers Alliance, Corsica; District 5
Valley Ag Supply Honored with the Leon Wrage Award

Upon retirement in 2005, SDABA recognized Leon J Wrage as going "above and beyond" in his service to the crop production industry and presented him with an award at the SD Ag Expo. Since then, the Leon J Wrage award has been given each year to other individuals for exemplary service to the crop production industry.

Recipients of the award include Dr. Marty Draper in 2006; Craig Myron in 2007; Dusty Miller in 2008; Paul Luetjen in 2009; Roger Moe in 2010; Scott Hier in 2011; Jim Wilson in 2012; Kendall Peterson in 2013; Ron Christensen in 2014, Darrell Deneke in 2015; Gregg Carlson in 2016 and Virgil Sinning in 2017.

The 2018 Leon Wrage Award recipient is Valley Ag Supply, a family owned agronomy center that provides information, plant food, crop protection products, and custom application in Gayville, South Dakota. Tara and Greg Pirak started Valley Ag Supply in 2000, while they were both attending the University Of South Dakota. Through attention to customer service and a great crew of employees, this company continues to grow.

One of the many great services that Valley Ag Supply offers is their "Field to Table" learning experience for a hands-on educational opportunity to local youth. The in-field classroom provides an opportunity for youth to learn about the operation of a farm, how local commodities are grown, and how these crops are used in our everyday lives. The 2017 program had seven stations for the elementary students: Corn Growth and Development, Soybean Growth and Development, Soils & Small Grains, Dairy, Livestock, Machinery, and Plant Nutrition. The total attendance in 2017 was 610 students from 12 different schools!
In addition, Valley Ag Supply provides great customer service through frequent communication with their customers via their website, newsletter, field days, golf tournament and a week-long ag tour to other states.

2018 Ag Expo News

Thanks to all the exhibitors, sponsors and attendees that made Ag Expo 2018 a success! The many winners in Ag Expo events were:

**Applicator Olympics**

First Place - Agtegra, Chamberlain  
Second Place - Central Farmers, Scotland  
Third Place TIE - CHS Northern Plains, Faulkton and Central Farmers, Tyndall

**Agronomy Olympics**

First Place - CHS Inc., Garretson  
Second Place - Agtegra, Huron  
Third Place - Valley Ag Supply, Gayville

**SDABA Pac Raffle Winners - $250 Cabela’s Gift Cards with a total of $2710 raised!**

Jeff Cleveland, Dave Saxlund, Jon Hegge and Dan Polfliet
Booth Decorating Contest Winners

First Place - Winfield United
Second Place - Monsanto
Third Place - Compass Minerals

Silent Auction for Scholarships was a great success with $1898 earned!

Ag Systems - Drill/Driver: Dana Melius
BASF - Redlin framed print: Daniel Harnisch
Bayer - Cooler: Mark Lucas
Bayer - Fitness band: Greg Pirak
Bayer - Fitness band: Dan Gerdes
Calcium Products - Cooler: Travis Schnabel
Dultmeier Sales - Hand push spreader: Brian Duchscherer
Millborn Seeds - Seed mix: Mark Lucas
Monsanto - Amazon Echo: Michael Stutelberg
Nachurs - Fillet knife: Darrell Van Meeteren
SDABA - Sioux Falls weekend: Brian Cotton
Syngenta - Cooler: Kathy Zander
Webster Scale - Cooler: Cody Ness
West Central - Socket set: Dan Polfliet

SDABA Announces $8000 in Scholarships

The 2018 SDABA Scholarship Program awarded to students majoring in agriculture at South Dakota State University (SDSU) and Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI).

AND the winners are…….

- LATI - Tanner Storer; Customer of CHS Northern Plains, Gettysburg, $1000
- LATI - Anna Jongeling; Customer of Castlewood Farmers Elevator, $1000
- LATI - Drew Folie; Customer of CHS, Inc., Garretson, $1000
- SDSU - Aaron Linke; Customer of Agtegra, Woonsocket, $1000
- SDSU - Nathan Linke; Customer of Agtegra, Woonsocket, $1000
- SDSU - Sadie Vader Wal; Customer of Agtegra, Mellette, $1000
- SDSU - Jake Harms; Young Leader in Agriculture, $2000

Watch for Your Set of 2018 Regulatory Posters

The 2018 regulatory posters will be shipped to SDABA Dealer and Branch members via Asmark the
first week of April. The set of three includes posters with information on DOT Shipping Descriptions, Worker Protection Standards and Restricted Use Products. If you would like additional copies please call the SDABA office at 605/224-2445 or email us at info@sdaba.org.

**Spring Load Limit Update**

Under the authority of SDCL 32-22-24, a Highway Maintaining Authority may restrict loads on their highways anytime during the period from February 15 to April 30. The purpose of the load restrictions is to protect the highways from break-up during the spring thaw.

- 2018 Proposed State Highway Spring Load Restriction Map
- 2018 Summary & Historical Data
- County Superintendents Contact Information
- 2018 Proposed County Spring Load Limits

**CCA Corner**

**CCA Exam Results Delayed:** Results are typically released 6 weeks after the date of the CCA exam, and March 16th marked the 6 week timeframe. Due to unforeseen circumstances, exam results were not ready to be released that day. This delay in no way affects the outcome of an examinee’s results. ICCA sincerely apologizes for the delay and are planning to send exam results by March 30th. An email has also been sent to all examinees.

**Drop for CEUs and Non-Payment:** ICCA has dropped those who have not met their CEUs for their cycles ending 12.31.2017 and for those who have not paid their 2018 renewal fees. Anyone dropped for not having their CEUs received a letter on how to self-report CEUs if they have them, reporting missing CEUs, or appeal to the board for hardship cases. All appeals will be sent to the board the week of April 2nd, and appeal approval/denials are due to the ICCA by April 27th.

A non-renewal survey will be sent next week to anyone dropped for lack of CEUs or for non-payment. In April/May ICCA will be calling individuals who have not paid their renewals, as well.

**2018 CCA Photo Contest is Open:** Submit your planting, growing, and harvesting photos for the CCA Photo Contest! The Grand Prize is $700 and more details can be found on the CCA website.

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**Calendar**

**MARCH**
26 - VETO Day for the 2018 Legislative Session

**JULY**
11 thru 12 - Governor's Ag Summit, Rapid City
12 - SDABA Board of Directors Meeting, Pierre
17 thru 18 - IPM Field School, Volga Research Farm
22 thru 26 - 2018 TAL Class Session Two, Washington DC

AUGUST
21 thru 23 - Dakotafest, Mitchell
30 thru Sept 3 - South Dakota State Fair, Huron

SEPTEMBER
4 thru 6 - Mid America CropLife Association Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA
5 - SDABA Board of Directors Meeting, Yankton

NOVEMBER
1 - TAL Application Deadline
15 - SDABA Board of Directors Meeting, Brookings

DECEMBER
12 thru 13 - Agronomy Conference, Sioux Falls Convention Center

2019
January 16-17, 2019 - Ag Expo 2019, Sioux Falls Convention Center

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