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## 2025 Legislative Priorities: **GROWING TOGETHER**

The Minnesota Soybean Growers Association (MSGA) is our nation's longest-running state soybean advocacy group. MSGA earns results at the Capitol because we are farmer-led and proactive in building coalitions to promote farm-friendly legislation and defend against harmful policies. With split government returning to St. Paul in 2025, bipartisan advocacy is essential toward crafting a biennial budget that works for Minnesota agriculture.

This legislative session, our team is working to build on – and safeguard – policy wins from 2024 while continuing to brighten the outlook for Minnesota's nearly 26,000 soybean farmers. We're proud to represent an agriculture industry that contributes over \$20 billion toward our state's GDP. Improving Minnesota's overall economy goes hand-in-hand with raising the bottom line of our state's farmers.

### **About Us**

Established by soybean farmers in 1962, MSGA is nonpartisan and monitors government policies to improve the profitability of soybean growers throughout Minnesota.

### **Fighting to protect your farm, family & future**

Advocating for farm-friendly policy requires heavy lifting. Less than 10% of Minnesota's over 25,000 soybean farmers are active in MSGA. We need your support! Our future depends on it.

Membership levels start at just \$20 per year, while a 3-year membership costs less than 25 cents per day. Membership includes numerous benefits, including access to MSGA's legislative updates, which are held on Zoom every Friday morning during the session. To join MSGA, visit [mnsoybean.org/msga/invest/](https://mnsoybean.org/msga/invest/).

### **Bean informed**

Want to stay up to date on the latest news affecting Minnesota soybean farmers? MSGA's official publication, Soybean Business, is the premier source for the latest information that matters to our producers. To subscribe to our free, bimonthly magazine, contact Managing Editor Drew Lyon at [drew@mnsoybean.com](mailto:drew@mnsoybean.com).

**Flip over to see MSGA's legislative priorities for 2025!**



## Biodiesel

For over two decades, Minnesota has stayed ahead of the biofuels curve. While demand grows, biodiesel in Minnesota boosts demand for soy by 13% and adds nearly \$1.7 billion toward our state’s economy while also cutting carbon. MSGA works each session to ensure biofuels remain in the renewable fuels conversation.

This session, MSGA will continue stressing to elected officials and the Walz administration that biodiesel provides timely solutions, both economically and environmentally. MSGA will also highlight the need for Low Carbon Fuel Standard policies that include biodiesel, which has reduced carbon for 20 years. We’ll also push soybean oil as a feedstock in the sustainable aviation fuel market, which depends on ag-based fuels to lower carbon emissions.

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## Tax reform

While we’ve successfully secured tax relief in recent years, more work remains in the Legislature. MSGA is advocating for easing the tax load shouldered by Minnesota farmers. By simplifying the tax code, we can assist the next generation of farmers in land transition and help rural economies throughout greater Minnesota.

Our state’s economic health relies on agriculture. In 2025, MSGA will take further steps in alleviating the heavy tax burden that Minnesota farmers carry.

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## Funding MDA programs

Ensuring the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is fully funded in the biennial budget is critical to sustaining Minnesota’s farm economy. MDA’s budget funds soil health initiatives, protects against noxious weeds, sustains the Agriculture Research, Education, Extension, And Technology Transfer (AGREETT) program to advance research; provides critical farm safety support and helps boost international marketing efforts. MSGA will work with lawmakers and MDA to bring soybean farmers’ interests to the forefront.

## Protecting crop inputs

The cost of production remains high for Minnesota farmers, and growers need all the tools at their disposal to defeat yield-robbing pests and diseases. MSGA will urge legislative leaders to protect crop inputs and prevent any unnecessary restrictions on the safe application of agriculture chemicals.

In past sessions, MSGA ensured that farmers weren’t saddled with needless pesticide fee increases. We also joined the farm community in stopping legislation that would have allowed cities to enact their own pesticide regulations. In recent years, we also helped prevent additional seed treatment regulations. Once again, we’ll have an active presence in 2025 at the Capitol to voice opposition to any similar bills.

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## Fixing harmful definitions

With some definitions, the devil is in the details. In recent years, the Legislature has passed definitions that have unintended consequences and hurts farmers’ freedom to operate. MSGA will work to roll back these definitions and create more regulatory certainty.

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## Transportation and rural infrastructure

MSGA encourages elected officials to support expanding rural infrastructure throughout greater Minnesota. Farming communities receive the most bang for their buck by creating a robust system to handle heavier trucks and move our diverse ag economy forward. Producers depend on transportation and modern infrastructure to move their products from the farm gate to the end user.

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## Keeping farmers on the land

Land pressures from legislation continue to inflate farmland values, making it harder for emerging farmers to gain access – and for existing farmers to maintain operations. Other policies have placed workplace restrictions that increase labor costs. In this session, MSGA is striving to keep farmers farming on the land for generations to come and push back against unfavorable policies that harm our farm families and limit profitability.