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2026 Legislative Priorities: FUELING OUR FARM ECONOMY

The Minnesota Soybean Growers Association (MSGA) is the nation's first state soybean advocacy group. MSGA earns respect and results at the Capitol because we are farmer-led and aggressive in building bipartisan coalitions to fight for farm-friendly legislation and push back against damaging policies.

In 2026, our team is working to protect and improve upon policy wins from 2025, while working to bring much-needed certainty to Minnesota's nearly 26,000 soybean farmers. We're proud to represent an industry that contributes over \$100 billion toward our state's economy, and improving Minnesota's overall economy goes hand in hand with raising the bottom line of our state's farmers.

About Us

Established by visionary 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 a team effort. Less than 10% of Minnesota's nearly 26,000 soybean farmers are MSGA members. Whether you're actively farming, retired or involved in the agriculture industry, 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 legislative session. To join MSGA, visit mnsoybean.org/msga/membership/.

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Want to stay up to date on the latest news affecting Minnesota soybean farmers? MSGA's official publication, Soybean Business, is the top 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.

Flip over to see MSGA's legislative priorities for 2026!



Biodiesel

For a quarter-century, Minnesota has led the nation's embrace of biofuels. Biodiesel in Minnesota boosts demand for soy by 13% and adds nearly \$1.7 billion toward our state's economy while also improving the environment. At the farm level, biodiesel adds over \$500 million each year to our producers' bottom lines. That's why MSGA works each session to ensure biofuels are part of the renewable fuels conversation.

This session, MSGA will continue stressing to legislators and the Walz administration that biodiesel is providing timely solutions. MSGA will highlight the need for Low Carbon Fuel Standard policies that uplift biodiesel, which continues to reduce carbon emissions. We'll also continue promoting soybean oil as a feedstock in the sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) market, which depends on ag-based fuels to lower carbon emissions, while promoting legislation that advances SAF in the years ahead. Let's continue to be a state that's a biofuels leader!

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 thrive throughout Minnesota.

Our state's economic health relies on agriculture. In 2026, MSGA will take further steps to alleviate the heavy tax burden that Minnesota farmers carry.

Protecting crop inputs

The cost of production remains too 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. Through

testimony and advocacy with allied partners, we stopped additional seed treatment regulations in 2025 – a huge win for our producers. Once again, we'll have boots on the ground at the Capitol in 2026 to voice strong opposition to any similar bills and stress the importance of accessing these inputs.

Farm safety programs

MSGA continues to promote initiatives that support rural mental health and farm safety programs. With the farm economy in turmoil in 2026, we are advocating for increased funding for farmer mediation programs to allow struggling family farms to continue operations.

Transportation and rural infrastructure

Minnesota soybeans move in many directions, and over half of our crop is exported. That's why 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 keep our diverse ag economy ahead of our competitors. Producers depend on transportation and modern infrastructure to move their products from the farm gate to the end user.

Ag labor mandates

Workforce mandates such as Minnesota's new Paid Family Leave Law are adding costly burdens to Minnesota family farms. This session, MSGA will continue our efforts to carve out exemptions for farm families.

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. MSGA is striving to keep farmers farming on the land for generations to come and defend against unfavorable policies that harm our farm families and our rural communities.