



ILLINOIS FERTILIZER & CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT MARCH 17, 2026

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IFCA Members: On Tuesday, March 17, the Illinois Primary Election marks the near halfway point for this year's legislative session, meaning many of the bills that were introduced or left over from last year start getting left behind for missing deadlines. This past Friday was the Senate committee deadline. Here is a list of legislation that remains up for debate this session, and that we continue to address on your behalf.

HB 4523/SB 3400 (Blair-Sherlock/Martwick) - Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act and is looking to fully ban PFAS (active and inert ingredients) in pesticides. **The House bill has been assigned to the House Energy and Environment Committee. The Senate bill did not move out of committee before the Senate committee deadline on Friday, March 13. This bill has been sent to the House Energy and Environment Committee but has not moved. IFCA is opposed.**

HB 1596 (Rep. Laura Faver Dias) - Requires 72-hour written or email notice before certain pesticide applications, including notice to schools and parks within a half mile of the application site. **This bill passed out of the House Energy and Environment Committee last Spring but did not move out of the House Chamber. A 2nd amendment has been filed that does nothing to remove IFCA's opposition. The amendment has not been assigned to a committee yet. IFCA is opposed.**

HB 4610/SB 3227 (Hoffman/D. Turner) - Creates the Nitrogen Reduction Program Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Department of Agriculture shall, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources and soil and water conservation districts in the State, develop a nitrogen reduction incentive program that requires purchase of "innovative biologicals" and a reduced nitrogen rate. **This legislation has been assigned to the House Agriculture and Environment Committee but has not moved. IFCA is opposed.**

HB 5305 (Moeller) - Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2029, it is unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, use, or distribute within this State any corn, soybean, or wheat seed coated or treated with a pesticide containing neonicotinoids, unless a valid waiver is issued by the Department of Agriculture. **This legislation is unlikely to move in its current form. IFCA is opposed.**

SB 3161 (Ellman) - Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that, except as expressly authorized under specific provisions of the Act, no person shall distribute, sell, offer for sale, or use in the State any herbicide product containing paraquat dichloride or any other chemical form of paraquat. **This bill has been assigned to the Senate Agriculture Committee but has not moved. IFCA is opposed.**

SB 3200 (Morrison) - Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2027, a pesticide containing a neonicotinoid may not be used on an ornamental plant, except in accordance with specified restrictions. **This bill was assigned to the Senate Agriculture Committee. We successfully stopped this legislation from moving on Thursday, but there is a desire from the sponsor to continue conversations with IFCA and our coalition partners. IFCA is opposed.**

SB 3208 (Joyce) - Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Changes the definition of "implement of husbandry" to exclude any farm wagon, wagon trailer, or similar vehicle having a gross weight of more than 80,000 (rather than 36,000) pounds. This legislation has been amended several times. [IFCA is monitoring this legislation.](#)