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Top Stories

---2018 FIRE SEASON IS HERE! ARE YOU PREPARED? --- Leaders of the Arizona Farm Bureau and the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association recently met with representatives from Forest Service, BLM, State Land, and the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management to discuss the best ways to communicate with on-the-ground response teams during a fire-related incident. [Story](#)

---AG IN THE MIDST OF A CRISIS--- Agriculture is facing a crisis on many fronts. Some areas might surprise you. [Story](#)

---WHILE THE U.S. HOUSE WILL MOST LIKELY VOTE AGAIN ON THE FARM BILL, ITS FAILURE TO RECENTLY PASS THE BILL DISAPPOINTED FARM AND RANCH COUNTRY. HERE'S WHAT LEADERSHIP SAID--- The farm bill went down in defeat recently, 198-213. A second vote on the legislation will likely be pushed to late June. [Story](#) To urge your representative to pass H.R. , [go here](#).

---IT'S TIME TO UNDERSTAND AND EMBRACE NEONICOTINOID INSECTICIDES--- Years of monitoring show proper use of this class of insecticides do not harm bees. [Here's why](#).

---AFBF'S DUVALL TO WSJ: 'CONGRESS MUST HELP LABOR DOWN ON THE FARM'--- A letter to the editor of the Wall Street Journal submitted by AFBF President Zippy Duvall appeared in the May 28 issue. "You are correct in your editorial 'Exporting Jobs Instead of Food' (May 18) that 'immigration restrictionists are detached from the reality of the American farm economy,'" wrote Duvall. Disagreeing with an assertion in the editorial, Duvall continued "the Goodlatte bill is not 'Potemkin H-2A reform.'"

He pointed out that the guest-worker provisions in the bill enjoy wide-ranging support from a broad cross-section of agriculture. The proposal would elicit some positive changes according to Duvall, including a reduction in bureaucratic delays for farmers and lower labor recruiting costs, in addition to opening the program to dairy farmers and others not currently eligible to use it. Subscribers can view the full letter, [Congress Must Help Labor Down on the Farm](#), online

---HORIZONS LOOM LARGE IN FARM AND RANCH COUNTRY--- farmers and ranchers can view their horizon, figuratively and literally. We know how to dream. And

yes, we'll low-ball our dream (bring it into focus) if our ag loan doesn't come through, or is less than we asked for to launch the vision. Arizona farming is a place to have a vision, just look at our sunsets. [Story](#)

---WITH CRITICAL FARM BILL VOTE AHEAD, IT'S TIME TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR---With a congressional district working period under way, now is the time for farmers and ranchers to urge lawmakers to vote for the farm bill. Members of Congress are back in their home districts this week, presenting farmers and ranchers with a great opportunity to talk face-to-face with them about the need to pass a farm bill.

Randy Dwyer, director of grassroots development at AFBF, explained in a recent [Newsline](#) that it's important for farmers to talk with their legislators about the farm bill before it is reconsidered in the House on June 22.

"The farm bill is something that's debated and passed once every five years," Dwyer said. "It covers conservation, it covers crop insurance, it covers so many things important to farmers and ranchers across the country. This bill is essential for risk mitigation for farmers and ranchers, and it provides food, fuel and fiber security for America."

Farmers and ranchers can go to fb.org/advocacy and send an email to their members of Congress to thank them for supporting the farm bill or to ask them to reconsider if they voted against it.

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