

## Department of Agriculture

### Legislative Bills for 2019 Legislative Session

1. Creating civil penalties for violations of the Agricultural Warehouse, Commodity Dealer, and Grain Standards Act; amending sections, 80-4-427, 80-4-428, 80-4-429 and 80-4-426, MCA; providing an immediate effective date.
2. Revising the commodity dealers laws involving licensee requirements and bonding; amending sections 80-4-402 , 80-4-405 , 80-4-601 and 80-4-604, MCA.
3. Removing the sunset on financial responsibility for pesticide applicators ; amending section 80-8-214, MCA; providing an immediate effective date.
4. Conforming the check-off commodities and creating a civil fine for violating the act, amending 80-11-211, 80-11-1004, and 80-11-1008, MCA; providing an immediate effective date.
5. Expanding the mediation services of the Montana Department of Agriculture; providing an immediate effective date.
6. Allowing the Department of Agriculture to accept donations and maintain a special revenue account to respond to farming and ranching disasters.
7. Repealing the Montana-certified Natural Beef Cattle Marketing Program; repealing section 80-11-801, MCA.

\* Support for renewal of the GTA portion of 15-35-108 (coal severance taxes) in conjunction with Department of Commerce