



FEDERAL POLICY AND REGULATORY AGENDA 2019

I. PRIORITY POLICY AGENDA

AHPA will work on the following federal policy and regulatory matters in 2019. They are ordered below based on the numerical scores they received on AHPA's member survey (December 2018). While AHPA leadership will seek to prioritize work on these agenda items in accordance with the survey results, the reality is that all of them are important and specific activity at any given time is as much dictated by the broader Washington agenda as it is by our own preferences. This agenda is incorporated in the "2019 AHPA Resolutions" by reference.

1. Farm Bill Implementation / Added Sugar (8.85): work with Congress on oversight and FDA on implementation to ensure that the 2019 Farm Bill provision restricting "added sugars" labeling for honey is effectively implemented.
2. Honey Integrity (8.6): continue to work with the 2 year old AHPA-established, industry-wide Honey Integrity Task Force to standardize definitions of honey, assess and standardize test methodologies for honey, advise on enforcement protocols at Customs and FDA, and work with retailers and marketers to educate on best practices with the end goal to limit the use and sale of adulterated honey in the United States.
3. EPA Regulation (7.2): continue work with EPA to ensure that crop protection tools are labeled sufficiently to notify applicators of risks to honeybees, and are registered or reviewed according to the pollinator risk assessment framework, among other risk mitigation efforts.
4. Glyphosate (7.1): work with FDA to ensure that any tolerance set for honey does not limit the sale of honey in the United States.
5. Farm Bill Implementation / Conservation (7.0): work with Congress on oversight and and USDA and our allies on implementation to improve the amount of pollinator friendly acreage included in the FSA and NRCS conservation programs.
6. Trade (6.46): work with the Department of Commerce and other trade officials to maintain the existing AD/CVD orders against China and to potentially seek new orders and/or tariffs, resources considered, against additional countries, to slow the

supply of dumped and/or circumvented honey from China. And at all times to continue efforts to aid in the collection and distribution of duties owed.

7. Farm Bill Implementation / Research (5.98): work with Congress on oversight and and USDA and our allies on implementation of honeybee and pollinator research programs, and to seek annual funding from Congress for such programs.
8. Hours Of Service (5.8): continue working with DOT, Congress, and our allies in Washington to extend hours of service time for bee haulers and to delay compliance with the new ELOG requirements until a workable solution is enacted.
9. Immigration (5.8): work with Congress and our allies in Washington to improve the H-2A Program and/or establish a new immigration program so that beekeepers can more easily access workers, keep them here longer, and move them around the country more freely, among other things.
10. Farm Bill Implementation / ELAP (5.6): work with Congress on oversight and USDA and our allies on implementation to improve the administration of the program and to provide technical assistance to members filing claims, as needed.
11. Public Lands Access (5.2): seek to improve beekeeper access to public lands by working with the national offices at the US Forrest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other overseers of multiple use lands to provide consistent guidance to local land managers on when and how to approve multi-year beekeeper permits for access to those lands, and to ensure manager's are aware of the national priority preference for honey bee access.
12. Tallow (4.91): continue to oppose a proposal before APHIS to release a bio control agent aimed at "controlling" the spread of Tallow (and invasive species but important to honey production) in the south and southeast parts of the United States.

II. DISCRETIONARY POLICY AND REGULATORY AGENDA

Time, resources and opportunity considered, AHPA will endeavor to work on new issues that arise in 2019 or that are identified during the 2019 AHPA conference, whether those issues arise in the resolutions meeting or by way of written submissions to the executive board by AHPA members. Such issues will be considered and voted upon by the AHPA Executive Board on a case by case basis before any federal engagement is commenced.