

CCGA State Actions During 2019

Every year Colorado Corn Growers Association (CCGA) engages in the legislative process at the state and national level. The following summary captures the actions taken by the Public Policy Committee on behalf of corn growers in Colorado.

At the state-level, Colorado Corn Growers Association (CCGA) had a moderately busy year, especially considering 2019 started with a new governor, a new commissioner of agriculture, and many new faces in the legislature for their first term.

Colorado General Assembly's regular legislative session was 120 days long and saw a flurry of activity during its final three weeks. Many bills introduced during the early part of the session stacked up behind the budget and the log jam did not break loose until mid-April. This left 220 bills for consideration in the last week of the session and resulted in a fair amount of chaos. Fortunately, all the bills were dealt with and none died by remaining on the calendar.

State Activity Summary

Bills Acted Upon in 2019

In Support

Prop DD – Legalize Sports Betting with Tax Revenue for Water Projects Measure

HB19-1329 – Wholesale Sales Agricultural Fertilizer Tax Exempt

SB19-186 – Expand Agricultural Chemical Management Program Protect Surface Water

HB19-1281 and HB19-1271 – Augmentation of Instream Flows and Loaned Water for Instream Flow to Improve Environment

Referred to Interim Committee

HB19-1029 – Republican River Conservation District

In Opposition

SB19-181 - Protect Public Welfare Oil and Gas Operations

HB19-1032 - Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education

When CCGA members take an active part in the political process, the impact should never be underestimated! As the politically active, lobbying arm, the growers association is the collective voice for Colorado Corn farmers. Our actions, and especially our voices are compounded by our affiliation with other ag associations in the state and with National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), and our membership with Southwest Council of Agribusiness (SWCA).

Thanks to those who engaged on the issues in 2019. To those who did or did not, we will have opportunities for you to engage in 2020 and look forward to standing with you as we focus on the future of agriculture together.