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Legislative Update

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2026 Legislative Session - Recap

- Short session, finished February 27
- Redistricting played a major role
- There were few bills impacting drainage

- HEA 1355 – Confined Feeding Operations
- HEA 1365 – Fertilizer
- SEA 230 – Dept. of agriculture
- HB 1185 – Dept. of agriculture
- HEA 1003 – Boards and Commissions

HEA 1355 - Rep. Culp

Confined Feeding Operations

- **Pre-application refunds** — IDEM must refund the application fee if it fails to issue a determination within 90 days.
- **Design protections** — IDEM cannot require design changes when a CFO meets statutory requirements and is certified by a professional engineer.
- **Runoff control** — Codifies that solid manure from strawpack/dry-pack systems must have runoff controls when exposed to precipitation or surface water.
- **Existing facility protection** — IDEM cannot require updates to an already-approved facility if a new application does not affect it.
- **Earthen berm standards** — Establishes requirements for earthen berms at manure storage structures.

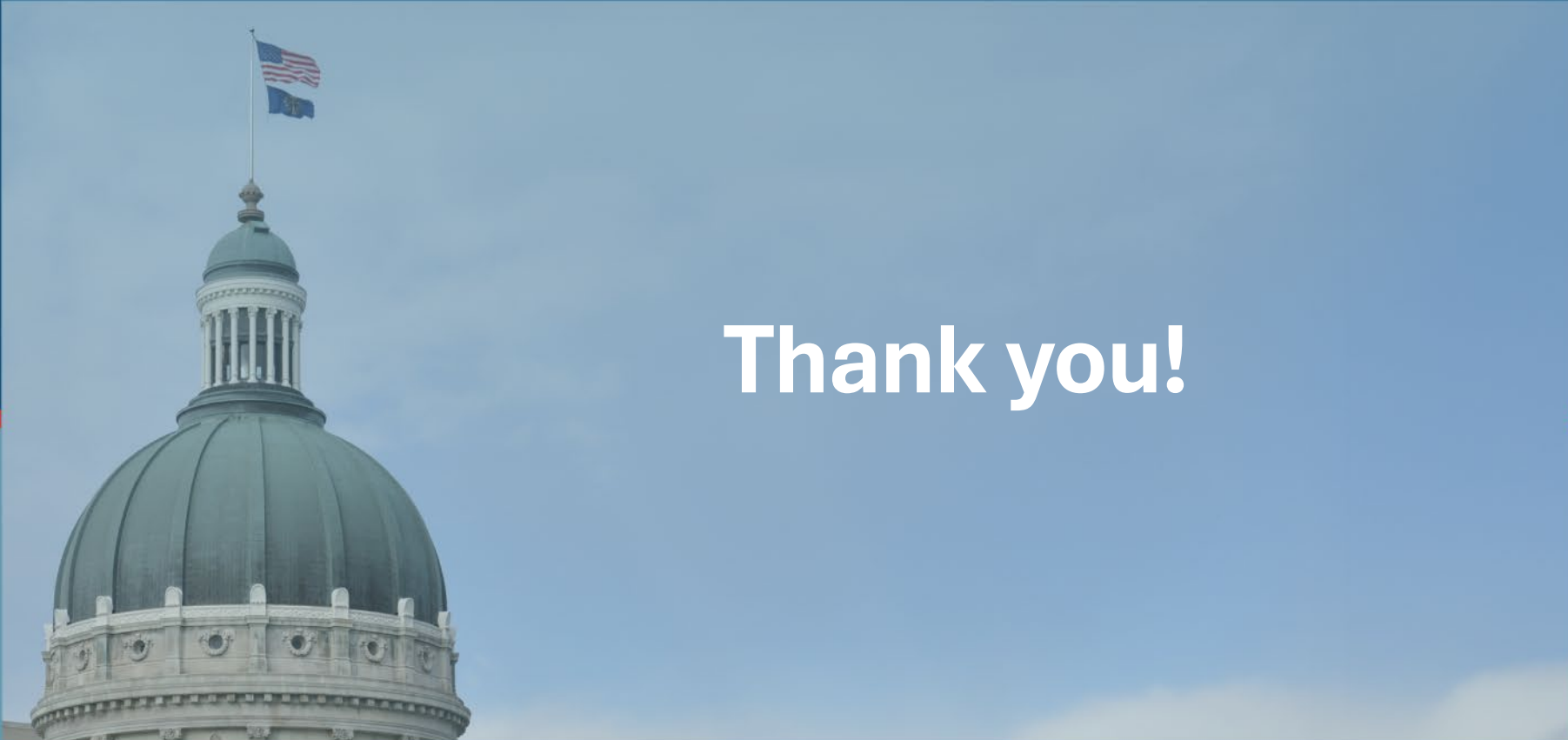


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- HEA 1365 – Fertilizer (Rep. Baird)
 - Codifies commercial fertilizer administrative rules
- SEA 230 – Dept. of agriculture (Sen. Leising)
 - Requires SWCD Supervisors to complete training within one year of taking office.
 - Establishes new reporting requirements for Soil & Water Conservation Districts.
 - Streamlines and updates SWCD election procedures.
 - Repeals the Indiana Land Resources Council.
- HB 1185 – Dept. of agriculture (Rep. Aylesworth)
 - Did not pass
 - Would have added funding for Mesonets to the list of eligible purposes of Clean Water Indiana (CWI) grants.
- HEA 1003 – Boards and commissions (Rep. Bartels)
 - Established the Agricultural Promotion and Regulatory Task Force

Looking Ahead – 2027 Legislative Session

- Budget session
 - Starts in January and will end by April 29
 - Elections have consequences
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- Investment in Agriculture
 - Property Taxes
 - Rural Communities
 - MAHA and Food



Thank you!