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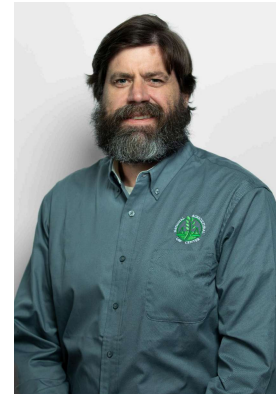
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Greetings,

Hope everyone had a terrific Fourth of July! Thanks for taking a moment to keep up with a few key highlights from the NALC and our partners.

First, I hope you'll consider attending the American Agricultural Law Association's **47th Annual Agricultural Law Symposium**, November 5th-7th in Dallas, Texas. NALC is proud to co-host this year's meeting with the AALA, and we're looking forward to an excellent symposium. AALA is a terrific organization -- if you're not already a member I hope you'll consider joining!



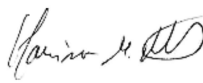
In other conference-related updates -- We'll share a final date and location soon for the 4th Annual Western Water, Ag, & Environmental Law Conference. Be sure to watch social media and The Feed for the announcement. On May 6th, we hosted the inaugural "**Ag & Food Law Policy Briefing**" in the USDA Jefferson Auditorium. We appreciate USDA Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden for delivering the keynote address at this event, along with the terrific lineup of speakers and topics.

On June 4th-5th, NALC and the NASDA Foundation hosted the **13th Annual Mid-South Agricultural & Environmental Law Conference** at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. At the Mid-South, we added in this year the first-ever "Next Generation of Ag & Food Law: Roundtable for Students". Thanks to Dudley Hoskins, USDA Deputy Secretary, Marketing & Regulatory Programs, for taking time to visit with us during the Mid-South about the latest on New World Screwworm and other USDA developments.

We have several webinars upcoming that may be of interest to you, covering foreign ownership, the new OBBBA payment limitation and eligibility rules, and child labor laws. Hope you'll take a moment to read more below about these upcoming programs. You can sign up for alerts for upcoming NALC webinars here. If you have suggestions on future topics, please feel free to share those anytime.

Thanks, again, for taking a few minutes to keep up with recent and upcoming NALC activities!

Respectfully,



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Harrison M. Pittman, NALC Director



Save the Date for the 14th Annual Mid-South Agricultural Law Conference

The Mid-South Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference returns to Memphis on June 10th and 11th next year. The program will continue the long-term effort to provide relevant and timely agricultural and legal research and information to attorneys, lenders, accountants, tax consultants, students and other professionals involved in agriculture and aquaculture in the southern U.S..



Mid-South 2026 was a huge success. The conference drew over 130 attendees and covered topics ranging from Farm Bill politics, the ongoing State of Oklahoma v. Tyson Foods, Inc. *et al.*, lawsuit and settlement negotiations in federal court, and the return of the dreaded New World screwworm to Texas. We were glad to see many NALC fellows join us from law schools around the country.

We were also fortunate to have Dudley Hoskins, the U.S. Department of Agriculture undersecretary for marketing and regulatory programs, join the conference over Zoom to speak about the screwworm and to discuss the deregulation agenda of the administration. One panel featured Hunt Shipman and Dr. Andrew Muhammad on the Farm Bill and agricultural trade. Another panel had presentations by Senior Staff Attorney Elizabeth Rumley and Staff Attorney Brigit Rollins on the longstanding State of Oklahoma v. Tyson Foods, Inc. *et al.* lawsuit and environmental law updates were especially informative. We want to thank all the speakers who helped make Mid-South a success this year!

Registration now open: American Agricultural Law Association 47th Educational Symposium

The National Agricultural Law Center is excited to be co-hosting the **American Agricultural Law Association's 2026 Annual Educational Symposium** on Nov. 5th through 7th of this year in Dallas. Attorneys can expect the possibility of earning up to 16 CLE credits, including 3 Ethics credits, will be available to attendees across the three days.

Register by October 21 to avoid late registration fees. Discounts for students, speakers, guests, and government, nonprofit, and academic employees are available. The symposium will be hosted at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, and you can reserve your room in the conference block [here](#).

Staff Attorney Brigit Rollins will be providing an update on environmental law changes on Friday morning and given the recent Supreme Court

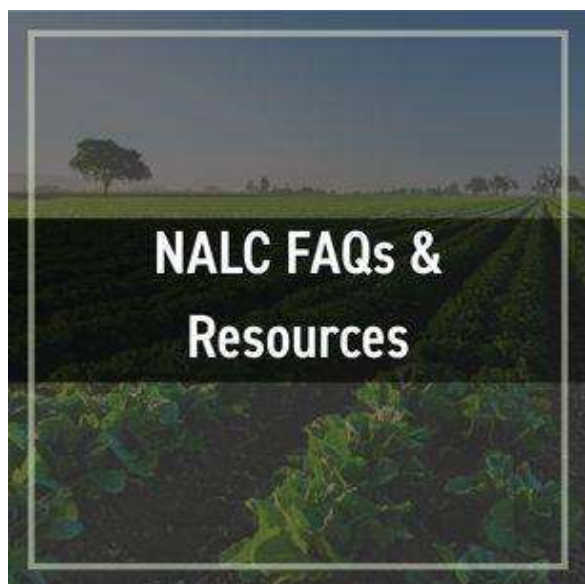


Registration and Info for AALA Symposium

John Huffaker Agricultural Law Course at Texas Tech

Director Harrison Pittman gave a lunchtime presentation called "Looking Forward by Looking Back- Perspectives on 25 Years of Agricultural Law" at the annual CLE event in Lubbock this year. Hosted by the State Bar of Texas, the John Huffaker Agricultural Law Course has long been an important learning opportunity for attorneys and others on topics of agricultural law, including on major hot topics in Texas like groundwater rights and eminent domain issues.

NALC "FAQs & Resources"



NALC provides several FAQs to provide resources and answers to some frequently asked questions concerning the below topics.

Eminent domain has an outsized impact on agriculture due to the fact that large amounts of privately owned property are used for agricultural purposes; as a result, questions from rural landowners often result from proposed federal, state, or local projects near their property. Access the Eminent Domain: FAQs [here](#).

In 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the herbicide dicamba for direct use on dicamba-resistant soybean and cotton crops for the very first time. The move ultimately resulted in a series of lawsuits, reregistration decisions, and two court orders to overturn decisions authorizing over-the-top use of dicamba. Access the Dicamba FAQ & Resources [here](#).

Over the past decade, foreign ownership of agricultural land has grown. As a result, an interest in restricting and monitoring foreign ownership of U.S. agricultural land is growing significantly among federal and state lawmakers. Access the Foreign Ownership FAQ & Resources [here](#).

Agricultural Law Contact List

At the NALC, we receive frequent requests for the names of attorneys with experience in various areas of agricultural law. Year over year, those requests continue to increase. While we often refer people to bar associations or other similar organizations, we recognize those resources don't fully reflect the range of legal professionals working in agriculture.

To better serve stakeholders, we are compiling a contact list of private practice attorneys who have professional experience or a practice focus in areas of law affecting agriculture. Attorneys or firms who wish to be included can enter their information [here](#).

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We hope that this resource will make it easier for producers, landowners, and industry professionals to connect with legal professionals who understand the unique challenges of agriculture. Please note that inclusion on the list does not constitute endorsement or referral. It is intended solely as a resource for the agricultural community.

Webinar Series

Our webinar series offers a variety of presentations relating to agricultural law and policy. All webinars are recorded and archived on [our website](#). See below for a list of recent and upcoming webinars.

Recent Webinars

International Ag Trade Update:

Tariffs, IEEPA, Refunds, & Related Issues

During our April 15th webinar, Les Glick, Director of International Trade, Business and Finance Practice Group at Fennemore Law, discussed the Supreme Court's recent IEEPA tariff decision, its impact on international ag trade, the latest on refund litigation, recent activity in strawberry and tomato antidumping cases, and many other ag trade related issues impacting the ag industry.



[Watch the Recording](#)



Failure to Warn?

A Look at Recent State and Federal Action on Pesticide Labeling

On May 20, 2026, our webinar presented by NALC Staff Attorney Brigit Rollins examined state legislative efforts to limit liability for pesticide manufacturers facing failure-to-warn claims related to alleged health risks from pesticide use. The webinar provided an overview of state legislation introduced since 2024 and discussed the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to hear the case of *Durnell v. Monsanto*, including the potential implications the Court's ruling could have on pesticide registration and product liability litigation.

[Watch the Recording](#)

Timber Trespass Statutes

On June 17, 2026, the National Agricultural Law Center hosted a webinar presented by Ross Pifer of the Penn State Dickinson Law Center for Agricultural and Shale Law that explored state timber trespass statutes and the legal protections available to landowners whose timber is unlawfully harvested. The webinar provided an overview of key state laws, including available remedies and damages, and discussed issues related to valuation, boundary disputes, and the distinction between innocent and willful timber trespass.



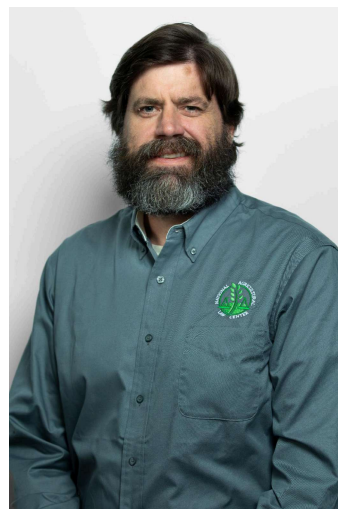
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Upcoming Webinars

Foreign Ownership of Ag Land:

Federal & State Legislative and Litigation Update

Recent years have seen a surge in state and federal activity addressing foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land. Presented by Harrison M. Pittman of the National Agricultural Law Center, the July 15th webinar will examine the latest state restrictions on foreign ownership of agricultural land, developments involving the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA), relevant Executive Orders, congressional proposals, and key litigation shaping the evolving legal landscape surrounding foreign investment in U.S. farmland.



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Minors Working on the Farm:

Child Labor Laws for Agricultural Employers

The Fair Labor Standards Act includes several agricultural child labor exemptions that allow minors to perform certain farm work under specific circumstances. Presented by Audry Thompson of the Penn State Center for Agricultural and Shale Law, the August 19th webinar will examine the FLSA's agricultural child labor requirements and exemptions, review regulations governing particularly hazardous occupations, and discuss how federal law interacts with state requirements for employing minors in agriculture.

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2026 Update:

USDA's Payment Limitations, Eligibility, & Ag Tax Considerations

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) contained many provisions relevant to the agricultural industry, including updates to USDA farm program rules and comprehensive tax reform. Recently, USDA issued new payment limitation and eligibility rules to conform with provisions of the OBBBA. The September 16th webinar will cover the OBBBA farm program rules, the new payment limitation and eligibility rules, and tax provisions relevant to the producers and others in the ag industry. The webinar will be presented by Grant Ballard of Ark Ag Law, PLLC, and Kristine Tidgren of ISU's Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation (CALT)



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Publication Highlights

As part of its mission, the NALC continues to deliver webinars, articles, fact sheets, and state compilations on numerous agricultural and food law topics. These resources are free to the public and serve as a research tool for both attorneys and non-attorneys.

The NALC publishes weekly posts about current issues in agricultural and environmental law. Posts from the past quarter are outlined below.

April 2026

- *Supreme Court vacates IEEPA Tariffs: What Comes Next?*
- *Solar Smarts for Landowners: Miscellaneous Clauses*
- *Federal Court Strikes Down 2019 & 2024 ESA Regulations*
- *Food Foundations: Geographic Indicators on Agricultural Products*
- *John Deere Agrees to Settle Antitrust Lawsuit*
- *Environmental Group Sues EPA for Delayed Response to Glyphosate Petition*
- *Soil for Sale? South Dakota Amends State Foreign Ownership & Reporting Law*

May 2026

- *Food Law in the States - 2026 Update*
- *EPA Announces Draft Fungicide Strategy*
- *Farm Bill 2026: Overview*
- *Food Foundations: Categories of Food Ingredients*
- *Soil for Sale? Utah Amends State Foreign Ownership Law*
- *Supreme Court Asked to Revisit Definition of WOTUS*
- *Oregon Initiative Petition 28 Draws Attention Ahead of 2026 Election*

June 2026

- *EPA Issues Final RFS Rule*
- *John Deere's Construction & Forestry Repair Restrictions Challenged*
- *USDA Updates Stocking Standards for Authorized SNAP Retailers*
- *BLM Proposes Overhaul of Grazing Program Regulation*
- *Soil for Sale? Two Tennessee Measures Expand the State's Foreign Ownership Law Framework*
- *Colorado expands Cottage Food laws with the passage of the "Tamale Act"*
- *Nebraska's Agricultural Data Privacy Act and Similar State Efforts*
- *Supreme Court Rules FIFRA Preempts Failure to Warn*

Outreach

NALC attorneys speak and present at events in order to provide agricultural and food law research and information to the public. If you are interested in having an attorney from the NALC speak to a group, either in person or virtually, please do not hesitate to contact us. Learn more about the NALC staff and find our contact information [here](#).

Below are some outreach activities from the past quarter.

April 2026

- *Harrison Pittman, NALC Director*
 - April 8 – In-person presentation on what the NALC is and career options in ag law to the Food & Ag Law Society at the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville, AR
 - April 16 – In-person group presentation on law school and career opportunities in ag law and policy with students from Arkansas State University
- *Elizabeth Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney*
 - April 6 – Guest lecturer on hot topics in food law for Dr. Kristen Gibson's Introduction to Food Law course at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR
 - April 16 – In-person group presentation on law school and career opportunities in ag law and policy with students from Arkansas State University
- *Rusty Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney*
 - April 16 – In-person group presentation on law school and career opportunities in ag law and policy with students from Arkansas State University
 - April 28 – In-person presentation on liability concerns for trespassers for the National Trust Real Estate Association's 2026 Educational Forum in Memphis, TN
 - April 30 – In-person presentation on 'Protecting the Future of Family Land' for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff's Small Farm Program's "Southwest Arkansas Small Farms Conference" at the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana in Hope, AR
- *Will Scobey, Staff Attorney*
 - April 16 – In-person group presentation on law school and career opportunities in ag law and policy with students from Arkansas State University

For the full April Monthly Roundup, click [here](#).

May 2026

- *Harrison Pittman, NALC Director*
 - May 6 – Hosted half-day in-person NALC-NASDA Foundation program 'Agricultural & Food Law Policy Briefing' in Washington, D.C.; in-person panel discussions as moderator: "Four Corners" Congressional Update: Ag Trade, E-15, MAHA, Farm Bill, & Related Issues; State of Play on The Hill: View from the Trenches; in-person discussion as part of a panel: "Ag Industry Litigation & Regulation Update" with other NALC staffers.
 - May 22 – In-person presentation on 'Looking Forward by Looking Back: Perspectives on 25 Years of Agricultural Law' at the 19th Annual John Huffaker Agricultural Law Course at Texas Tech University's School of Law in Lubbock, TX
- *Elizabeth Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney*
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 - May 14 – Met with a tour of Arkansas Future Ag Leaders and discussed careers in ag law.
- *Rusty Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney*
 - May 6 – Hosted half-day in-person NALC-NASDA Foundation program 'Agricultural & Food Law Policy Briefing' in Washington, D.C.; in-person panel discussion as part of a panel on 'Ag Industry Litigation & Regulation Update' with other NALC staffers.
- *Brigit Rollins, Staff Attorney*
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- *Emily Stone, Staff Attorney*
 - May 6 – Hosted half-day in-person NALC-NASDA Foundation program 'Agricultural & Food Law Policy Briefing' in Washington, D.C.; in-person panel discussion as part of a panel on 'Ag Industry Litigation & Regulation Update' with other NALC staffers.
 - May 18 – In-person presentation on 'The State of Alternative Proteins: A Survey of the Legislation & Litigation Effecting Cell-Cultured Meat' at the Debating the Future of Global Food Law conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI.
- *Will Scobey, Staff Attorney*
 - May 6 – Hosted half-day in-person NALC-NASDA Foundation program 'Agricultural & Food Law Policy Briefing' in Washington, D.C.

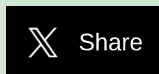
For the full May Monthly Roundup, click [here](#).

June 2026

- *Harrison Pittman, NALC Director*
 - June 4 – Participated in panel on 'Ag Law Issues & Advice' with NALC staff for Next Generation of Ag & Food Law: Roundtable for Students at University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in Memphis, TN
 - June 5 – Moderated a panel 'Update from the Potomac: Farm Bill, Ag Trade, MAHA, & More' at the 13th Annual Mid-South Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference in Memphis, TN
 - June 30 – In-person presentation on the latest in USMCA, tariffs, trade agreements, etc., at the Arkansas Farm Bureau Trade Committee in Little Rock, AR.
- *Elizabeth Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney*
 - June 4 – Participated in panel on 'Ag Law Issues & Advice' with NALC staff for Next Generation of Ag & Food Law: Roundtable for Students at University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in Memphis, TN
 - June 5 – In-person presentation on 'An Update on the OK/AR Chicken Litter Case' at the 13th Annual Mid-South Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference in Memphis, TN
- *Rusty Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney*
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 - June 10 – In-person presentation on agritourism and landowner liability at Frontline to Farm Conference in Boone, NC
 - June 17 – In-person presentation on landowner liability for the Center for Arkansas Farms and Food in Fayetteville, AR
 - June 18 – In-person presentation on solar, wind and carbon credit/property rights at the Arkansas Farm Bureau Land Use/Levee Districts Committee Meeting in Little Rock, AR
 - June 24 – In-person presentation on 'Labor, Organic, and PACA' for the Center for Arkansas Farms and Food in Fayetteville, AR
- *Brigit Rollins, Staff Attorney*
 - June 4 – Participated in panel on 'Ag Law Issues & Advice' with NALC staff for Next Generation of Ag & Food Law: Roundtable for Students at University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in Memphis, TN
 - June 5 – In-person presentation on 'Environmental Law: Regulatory & Litigation Ag Industry Update' at the 13th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference in Memphis, TN
 - June 17 – Online presentation on water law in the Western United States with a focus on securing water rights in Arizona to **Land at Home Project** via Zoom
- *Emily Stone, Staff Attorney*
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