

language required by the federal emissions guidelines. This is significant because it allows equipment owners to use mechanics of their choice for repairs on their John Deere equipment.

- Webinar opportunity (September 18): **Ross Pifer**, Director, Penn State Center for Agricultural and Shale Law will present "Right to Repair and Agriculture." To register, click [here](#).

Corporate Transparency Act. A California Ranch group has **joined a lawsuit** brought against the United States Department of the Treasury and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, alleging the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) is unconstitutional. Specifically, the group is alleging that the CTA is overreaching and imposes burdensome hurdles upon business owners. The group believes that the reporting requirements, and its associated penalties for noncompliance, punish small business owners and do not accomplish its intended goal. For more information on the CTA, click [here](#) to read NALC article "Who Owns the Business? Corporate Transparency Act and Foreign Entity Disclosure."

Lab-grown Meat. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture has announced three new initiatives concerning lab-grown meat. First, Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen signed an **executive order** which prohibits Nebraska state agencies from procuring lab-grown meat, and requires parties awarded contracts through the Nebraska State Procurement Act to attest that they have not discriminated against "natural-meat producers in favor of laboratory or cultivated-meat producers." Second, Gov. Pillen instructed the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to implement labeling rules that would make it easier on consumers to distinguish between natural and lab-grown meat. Last, Gov. Pillen announced his intention to work with senators to draft legislation that would outright ban lab-grown meat in Nebraska. Additionally, a **bill** proposing to ban the sale of lab-grown meat was introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives. The bill is currently being considered by Michigan's House Agriculture Committee. To learn about similar actions from other states, click [here](#) to read NALC article "Cell-Cultured Meat Updates: state bans, labeling requirements, and regulatory clarifications."

Water Rights. The United States District Court for the District of Idaho recently heard a case between the United States and Idaho concerning the water rights of the federal government in Idaho. The federal government has challenged multiple Idaho statutes, arguing that the statutes unconstitutionally interfere with the government's water rights. Specifically, the federal government claims that the state laws target federally-owned water rights directly by prohibiting changes to the location and purpose of the water rights, requiring livestock ownership for use, and modifying the appurtenancy of rights for permits issued to the federal government. In its decision, the federal district court concluded that some of the state laws challenged were valid, but found that others were unconstitutional. Click [here](#) to view the court's decision.

Slaughter Houses. One of the largest lamb-processing plants in the U.S. faces a potential shutdown, pending voter response to an upcoming Colorado **referendum**. The referendum will ask voters to decide if it should be unlawful to "construct, maintain, or use" a slaughter house within the Denver city and county limits. If voters vote in favor of the proposed referendum, a Superior Farms' plant located in Denver, Colorado which accounts for 15-20% of all lamb processing operations in the United States, will be forced to shut down. The referendum additionally requires the city to prioritize workforce training and employment assistance programs for the 160 plant workers who would likely lose their jobs if the plant shuts down. If passed, the ban would take effect on January 1st of 2026.

Agricultural Careers. The American Agricultural Law Association (AALA), the premier association for agricultural law and policy professionals, recently elected its 2024 Board of Directors. Ashley Ellixson was elected president elect, and Chelsea Good and Kale Van Bruggen were elected as Directors. Congratulations on your election! The NALC is proud to work with AALA for the purpose of encouraging the next generation of leaders in agricultural law and policy. Click [here](#) to watch NALC and AALA's webinar "Growing Careers: Planning for Success in Starting and Maintaining an Agricultural Law Student Association."

NALC National Stakeholder Survey now available

A graphic for the NALC National Stakeholder Survey. It features the NALC logo on the left, which includes a scale of justice and a plant. To the right of the logo, the text "Stakeholder Survey" is written in white on a dark green background. Below this, a woman in a red plaid shirt is looking at a tablet. The text "Help shape the future by sharing your thoughts! Take our quick survey and let your voice be heard." is written in white on a dark green background. At the bottom, the text "Your input makes a difference!" is written in white on a dark green background.

Stakeholder Survey

Help shape the future by sharing your thoughts! Take our quick survey and let your voice be heard.

Your input makes a difference!

The NALC National Stakeholder Survey is now open! The anonymous survey takes only a few minutes to complete, and results will be used to develop and prioritize future research, information, and outreach activities conducted by the NALC and its partners. We want to hear from you!

[Take the Survey](#)

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