



Farm Foundation Forum

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Founded in 1995, is the national organization representing motor carrier and allied members of the American Trucking Associations (ATA) on critical issues affecting agricultural commodity and food transportation.

Overview of Challenges for Trucking

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- Capacity issues
- Safety
 - HOS
 - ✦ 34 hr restart
 - ✦ 30 min livestock exemption
 - ✦ Ag Exemption from HOS rules
 - Food (FSMA)
- Upcoming Highway Bill
 - Key to success - Funding

Capacity

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- Rail issues impact on trucking
 - Extra supply ≠ extra capacity
- Size and Weight
 - 88k lbs on 5 axles and 97k lbs on 6 axles
- Driver Shortage
 - Housing starts/construction
 - Driver pay

Safety

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- HOS
 - Recent changes made in July 2013
 - ✦ 34 restart provision (2 night rest periods) & 30 min rest break
 - 34 hour changes being questioned in Congress
 - ✦ Included in Senate Approps
 - ✦ To be included IF Congress chooses Omnibus package
 - Livestock exemption to 30 min rest break
 - ✦ July 2013 – 90 day waiver
 - ✦ June 2014 – 1 year exemption for “livestock”
 - ✦ Extension likely

Agriculture exemption to HOS rule

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- Exemption within 150 air miles of farm, ranch, retail or wholesale/distribution point
 - All commodities, livestock and farm supplies; prior to being processed
 - Significant positive changes made in MAP-21
 - States must adopt and are allowed to modify rule (planting and harvesting season)

Food Safety Modernization Act

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- Main focus – Sanitary transportation of human and animal food (STF)
- Broad coalition working with FDA
- Key Concerns
 - Understated Cost estimates w/out the benefit
 - Use of “Adulteration” leading to increased cargo claims
 - Recordkeeping requirements
- Crucial Messaging – Shipper communication with carrier and receiver

Other Safety Issues

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- **Cargo Securement**
 - Exception for agriculture products (tub, bins, bales, etc.)
- **Horse Trailer Ban**
 - Proposed for any trailer with 2 or more levels
- **Ability for Carriers to Subcontract to other Carriers**
 - MAP-21 language prohibited a 60 yr practice

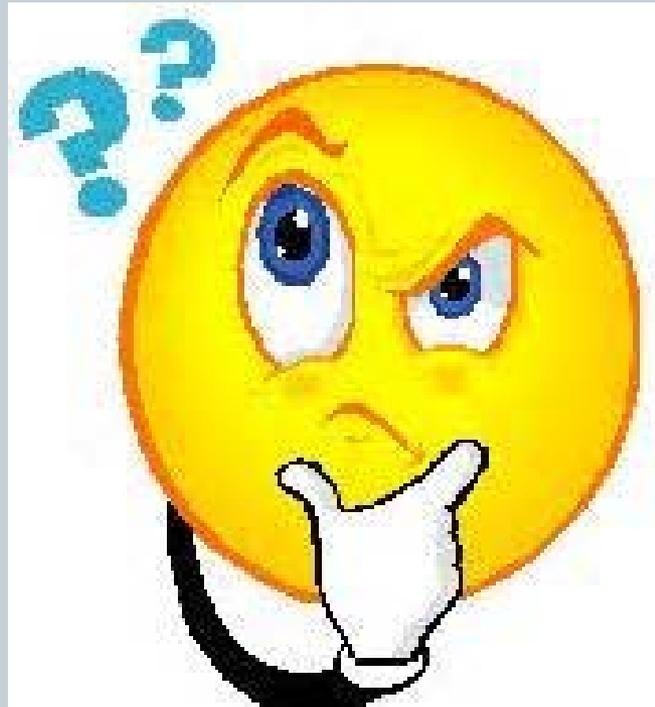
Highway Bill

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- **Timing**
 - Current extension expires May 2015
- **Funding**
 - Increase in the fuel tax and index to inflation
 - ATA task force backs menu of other options
 - ✦ Indexing based on price, CPI
 - ✦ Per-barrel tax on oil
 - ✦ Annual “highway access fee”

Questions?

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