

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU
2005-2006 VOTING RECORD OF
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. **CHAPTER 12 BANKRUPTCY (S. 256)** – Vote on a bill to expand the “family farm” provisions of Chapter 12 bankruptcy and make the changes permanent. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill April 14, 2005. Farm Bureau favored a “Y” vote.
2. **PERMANENT REPEAL OF THE DEATH TAX (H.R. 8)** – Vote on a bill to permanently repeal the death tax. The death tax is currently being phased out with full repeal coming in 2010. However, there is a sunset clause that brings back the full tax in 2011. The bill would strike the sunset clause so that when death tax repeal takes place in 2010, it will be permanent. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill April 13, 2005. Farm Bureau favored a “Y” vote.
3. **ENERGY POLICY (H.R. 6)** – Vote on a bill to enact a comprehensive energy policy that includes a renewable fuel standard, streamline the siting and permit process for liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal facilities, and authorizes oil and gas production in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill April 21, 2005. Farm Bureau favored a “Y” vote.
4. **CONCURRENCE ON ENERGY POLICY (H.R. 6)** – Vote on a conference report that included a requirement that the nation’s fuel supply contain 7.5 billion gallons of ethanol or biodiesel by 2012. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill July 28, 2005. Farm Bureau favored a “Y” vote.
5. **ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA) (H.R. 3824)** – Vote on a bill to make a number of changes to the ESA to make the law work better for landowners and to provide landowners with a role in helping to recover listed species. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill September 29, 2006. Farm Bureau favored a “Y” vote.
6. **EMINENT DOMAIN (H.R. 4128)** – Vote on a bill to prohibit state and local agencies receiving federal economic development funding from using eminent domain for economic development purposes. A violation of the provision subjects the entity to a loss of all federal economic development funding for a period of two years, whether it was used on a project or not. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill November 3, 2005. Farm Bureau favored a “Y” vote.
7. **IMMIGRATION (H.R. 4437)** – Vote on a bill to address only enforcement and border security and did not include a workable temporary worker program that fits the needs of agriculture. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill December 16, 2005. Farm Bureau favored a “N” vote.
8. **TAX BILL (H.R. 4297)** – Vote on a bill to include a two-year extension of reduced capital gains tax rates. Currently, the maximum capital gains tax rate is 15 percent, but will revert back to 20 percent in 2009. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill December 8, 2005. Farm Bureau favored a “Y” vote.

9. **WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (H.R. 2864)** – Vote on a bill to authorize and fund operations of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, including several key waterway projects in the upper Mississippi. This improves distribution routes for fall harvested Michigan grains. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill July 14, 2006. Farm Bureau favored a “Y” vote.

10. **CONCURRENCE ON TAX RECONCILIATION (H.R. 4297)** – Vote on a conference report to extend the reduced rates on capital gains and dividend income taxes until 2010. The conference report also extends the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) exemption levels through the end of 2006 at a higher level than in 2005. The new exemption levels for 2006 are \$62,550 for joint filers and \$42,500 for single filers. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill May 10, 2006. Farm Bureau favored a “Y” vote.