

**NEWS:**

## **Report Details Regulatory Burden Facing Delaware Farmers**

**AUGUST 4, 2017** – A recent [study of farm regulations](#) by the Delaware Soybean Board (DSB) has revealed that farmers are required to comply with more than 120 separate regulations to operate an agricultural business in the First State.

The review was commissioned to help farmers be aware of all the various regulations and multiple agencies that are involved in the business of agriculture.

The report lists regulations by subject and agency, compiling federal, state and county rules that apply directly and indirectly to farming. Federal entities with jurisdiction over various parts of a farm's operation include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. On the state level, the Departments of Transportation, Natural Resources and Environmental Control, and Agriculture have a major impact on how farms are run.

"The results demonstrate that Delaware farmers work in a highly-regulated environment," said Jay Baxter, chairman of the board and farmer from Georgetown. "The web of regulations touches nearly every facet of farming operations today."

Farmer and [State Rep. Rich Collins, R-Millsboro](#), said the report illustrates the challenges faced by farmers trying to comply with the growing burden of bureaucracy. "This is one of the reasons I think there needs to be more legislative oversight of the regulatory process at the state level, so the people that are impacted by these rules have a louder voice in their promulgation and implementation."

Portions of this brief were drawn from a Delaware Soybean Board news release. To read it, [click here](#).

