Report of the AFBF Resolutions Committee

151/Farm Machinery

1. We Support:
   1.1 Prohibiting tampering with hour meters on motorized farm equipment;
   1.2 Using standardized 10-character machinery identification system, which includes components of the National Crime Information Center number;
   1.3 Urging manufacturers to designate the year of manufacture in the serial number of the tractor or implement; and
   1.4 Amending the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) to require agricultural equipment manufacturers to allow equipment owners and independent repair facilities to have access to the same agricultural equipment diagnostic and repair information made available to the manufacturers’ dealers and authorized repair facilities. Any penalty for alterations should be limited to the voiding of the warranty, as well as the right of dealers to refuse services and trade on altered equipment. Any alternations to software should be limited to the owners’ personal use and should not be for distribution.

2. We oppose:
   Any further attempt to restrict or regulate exhaust emissions on new or used farm equipment, heavy equipment or trucks; and
   The titling, registration and licensing of farm machinery at the federal level.

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536/Proprietary Data

Proprietary data collected from farming and agricultural operations is valuable, should remain the property of the farmer, and warrants protection.

We support:

2.1 Farm equipment owners and individual service technicians having access to diagnostic tools, equipment, procedures, service, and technical information necessary at a fair and reasonable price;
2.2 Efforts to better educate farmers and ranchers regarding new technology or equipment that may receive, record, transmit, share and/or sell their farming or production data;
2.3 Requiring anyone who is collecting, storing, and analyzing proprietary data, including photographs, to provide full disclosure of their intended use of the data;
2.4 Continues