Legislation we are keeping our eye on!
House Bill 15-1006

• Concerning the establishment of a grant program for the management of invasive phreatophytes.

• House Sponsorship
  – Representative Coram, District 58
  – Representative Vigil, District 62

• Senate Sponsorship
  – Senator Sonnenberg, District 1
House Bill 15-1006

• Bill would establish a 5 year grant program under the Department of Agriculture
  – Currently a similar program under the Department of Natural Resources, CO Water Conservations Board

• $5 million a year for five years, under the current version of the bill

• Originally was proposed to be funded out of the State’s general fund, but amended to be funded out of the Severance Tax Operational Fund.
House Bill 15-1006

• Current status
  – Passed House Ag and Senate Finance committees
  – Unsure future due to the activity happening to the Severance Tax Operational Fund
Senate Bill 15-119

• Continuation of the regulation of pesticide applicators by the Department of Agriculture, and implementing the recommendations of the 2014 sunset report by DORA

• Senate Sponsorship – Senator Sonnenberg, District 1

• House Sponsorship – Becker, District 13
Senate Bill 15-119

• Failing to renew the pesticide applicators act would trigger the EPA to fully regulate actions in the state of CO rather than Dept. of Ag.

• Sunset Review Report Recommendations:
  – Extending repeal date to 2024
  – Adding representatives on advisory committee from agriculture (FWPS), organic farmers and people working with pollinators
  – Maintaining records from three years down to two