

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**AGRICULTURE**  
**Senator Siplin, Chair**  
**Senator Bullard, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, November 14, 2011  
**TIME:** 1:30 —3:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Office Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Siplin, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Dockery, Garcia, Hays, Montford, and Simmons

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	<b>SB 502</b> Hays (Identical H 449)	Public Fairs and Expositions; Amending provision relating to requirements for the proposed charter of an annual public fair; providing that the primary objective of a fair association is the holding, conducting, and promoting of public fairs or expositions; providing that a fair association may file its duly approved charter with the Department of State in addition to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for notice purposes; exempting existing fair associations from local land use and zoning ordinances that conflict with the uses and purposes of public fairs and expositions; revising provisions relating to the exemption from certain license taxes and local business taxes for annual public fairs held by a fair association; removing certain limitations on the use of buildings by counties, municipalities, or fair associations, etc.	AG 11/14/2011 CA BC
2	<b>SB 592</b> Siplin	Tax Exemptions/Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Packinghouses; Providing an exemption for electricity used by fresh fruit and vegetable packinghouses; defining the term "packinghouse", etc.	AG 11/14/2011 BC
3	Presentation by the Florida Forestry Association  Florida Forestry Overview- How our forests are performing		
4	Presentation by the Florida Farm Bureau  A Small Farming Operation overview from a small farm owner from Madison County. To inform members of the committee we have had a discussion on large (multi thousand acre operations) farming operations and now we will be hearing from the owner operator what their unique advantages and disadvantages are and how state regulations impact a small farming operation.		

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5		Presentation and update by Richard Gaskalla, Division Director of Plant Industry, concerning eradication efforts of invasive species that are harmful to Florida agriculture and natural flora and fauna, such as snails, lizards, and kudzu bugs.  A follow up on the federal approval of the transfer of the school food nutrition program will also be discussed.	
6	Other Related Meeting Documents		

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