

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Agriculture

SB 474 — Recreational Off-highway Vehicles

by Senator Perry

The bill increases the dry weight allowed for recreational off-highway vehicles from 2,500 pounds to 3,500 pounds.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 112-0

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CS/SB 1006 — State Symbols

by Agriculture Committee and Senators Burgess and Rodrigues

The bill designates strawberry shortcake with natural Florida dairy topping as the state dessert.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 109-4

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CS/HB 1097 — Florida Citrus

by State Affairs Committee and Rep. Burton (CS/SB 1002 by Community Affairs Committee and Senator Burgess)

The bill creates the "Citrus Recovery Act." Specifically, the bill:

- Increases the membership of the Florida Citrus Commission (commission) from nine members to eleven;
- Increases the number of citrus districts from three to six and revises the counties that comprise each district;
- Requires certain entities to provide reports on citrus production research to the commission at specified intervals and upon request of the commission;
- Requires that new varieties of citrus fruit and certain technology produced from research or studies funded by state funds be made exclusively available for licensing and purchase to certain Florida producers for a specified timeframe;
- Requires producers who receive such exclusivity to retain the exclusivity for a specified timeframe and providing pricing requirements for such arrangements; and
- Requires moneys in the Florida Citrus Advertising Trust Fund to be expended for the activities authorized by s. 601.13, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 114-0

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SB 1186 — Agritourism

by Senator Albritton

The bill revises the Legislature's intent regarding agritourism and how associated activity affects the assessment of property classified as agricultural.

The bill removes the requirement that agritourism be a secondary stream of revenue for a bona fide agricultural operation. Additionally, it clarifies that an agricultural land classification may not be denied or revoked solely due to the conduct of agritourism on a bona fide farm or due to the construction, alteration, or maintenance of a nonresidential farm building, structure, or facility on a bona fide farm which is used to conduct agritourism activities. However, the buildings, structures, or facilities must be an integral part of the agricultural operation.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 114-0