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## Industry Relations Report By Todd Cornelison

### Excerpt from Congressman Mike Simpson's Newsletter

**Preserving America's Family Farms Act Passes House:** The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 4157. Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson is a cosponsor of the bill, which prevents the Department of Labor (DOL) Secretary from reissuing a proposed rule that would limit farmers' and ranchers' ability to hire youth to work in agriculture.

"This DOL proposal was a misguided idea that threatened the ability of America's youth to work on family farms and other agricultural operations," said Simpson. "It would also restrict families in their efforts to pass on the generational knowledge and the hands-on learning that is critical to the survival of the agricultural industry."

When H.R. 4157 was originally introduced, it explicitly prevented the Secretary of Labor from finalizing or enforcing the proposed child labor regulations that would have prohibited young people under the age of 16 from working on farms. The proposed rule was subsequently withdrawn in April 2012, following objection from the agricultural community. Congressman Simpson was pleased when the DOL dropped the proposed rule that would have transformed the way of life for thousands of family farms and ranches across the country, and he cosponsored H.R. 4157 that would prevent this absurd and overreaching rule from being considered in the future.

The Preserving America's Family Farms Act now moves to the U.S. Senate for consideration.

### Miller Research will be sponsoring a field day on Wednesday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Miller research will share results from trials sponsored by the Idaho Potato Commission and the Idaho Bean Commission. The following topics on potatoes will be addressed:

1. Management of early blight and brown leaf spot
2. Control options for white mold
3. New fungicides for managing Rhizoctonia
4. Current status of potato psyllid and ZC

There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP to Jeff Miller at [jeff@millerresearch.com](mailto:jeff@millerresearch.com) if you would like to attend so that he can plan appropriately. If there is enough interest, he will repeat the program in the afternoon.

## Calendar

### August

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| 7     | United of Idaho Board Meeting, Idaho Falls   |
| 6-9   | USPB Summer Meeting, Klamath Falls, OR   |
| 15    | Miller Research Field Day, 9:00 a.m. – Noon, Rupert<br>Contact Jeff Miller at <a href="mailto:jeff@millerresearch.com">jeff@millerresearch.com</a> to attend |
| 29-31 | IGSA Sun Valley Convention, Sun Valley. Contact Travis Blacker of IGSA   |
| 29    | IPC Marketing Committee Meeting, 8:00 – 9:15 a.m., Limelight Salon A, Sun Valley Inn   |
| 29    | IPC Ag Affairs Committee Meeting, 1:45 – 2:45 p.m., Continental Room, Sun Valley Inn   |

September

2 United of Idaho Board Meeting, Idaho Falls

October

1-3 United Fresh Public Policy Conference, Washington DC

23-24 Idaho Potato Commission Meeting, Eagle