

Stop the Sale of Missouri Land to Foreign Corporations

No on HB 506



- HB 506, Sponsored by Representative Don Rone, claims to stop foreign ownership of Missouri farmland, but, in its current form, actually does the opposite and **opens up more Missouri farmland for foreign purchase.**
- In shifting reporting responsibilities to the counties, it gives them an extra one percent of farmland eligible for foreign purchase even though several of these counties are already well above the one percent threshold.

It also keeps the W-9 loophole that allows foreign corporations to bypass reporting their purchases to the MO Department of Agriculture, making it impossible to accurately track the amount of foreign owned farmland in Missouri.

We Need Actual Prohibition of Foreign Corporate Ownership of Missouri Farmland

Yes on SB 243

- SB 243, sponsored by Senator Doug Beck, prohibits foreign companies from acquiring MO agricultural land.
- Large scale industrial animal operations by foreign corporations do not benefit Missourians.
- **Neighbors to these facilities complain of horrendous odors, constant noise, exacerbated health problems, loss of property values, and a lower quality of life.**
- The buildings can house several thousand hogs or millions of chickens. Untreated manure spread on farmland in these quantities can pollute the nearby water bodies. **Numerous studies have shown these farms can easily transmit multi-drug resistant pathogens from swine to humans.**¹
- **Farm ownership by foreign corporations threatens our national security and food security.**

1. Centers for Disease Control. *Understanding Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and Their Impact on Communities*. www.nalboh.org