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**63RD ANNUAL ISU SHADE TREE SHORT
COURSE & INLA TRADE SHOW**

**FEBRUARY 19-21, 2019
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Add Feb 19-21, 2019 to your calendar! The 2019 INLA Trade Show will be full of education, networking, INLA hosted member meeting, a scholarship hospitality hour, and more! Schedule is currently in progress. Check www.iowanla.org for details and information.

INLA 2018 Day of Service Announced!

The sixth annual INLA Day of Service has been announced! On **September 11, 2018** the Iowa Nursery & Landscape Association and our volunteers will be helping the Iowa Arboretum celebrate their 50th year Anniversary.

Projects include a renovation of the landscaping at the Education Center and constructing a paver sidewalk to the Kroeze memorial Tea House.

To volunteer for the 2018 INLA Day of Service please email Joan O'Brien joano@agribiz.org with the number of persons attending.



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SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

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Ramifications of ICE Raid

Corso's Flower & Garden Center says it is "fully cooperating with the government's investigation" after law enforcement officers raided its facilities in Northwest Ohio and arrested more than 100 employees suspected of working in the U.S. illegally June 5.

Corso's, a family-owned business that also includes wholesale perennial production, growing more than 2 million perennials supplied to seven states, and a landscaping division, was the target of an operation by U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials and cooperating agencies. According to several news outlets, the raid involved about 200 agents and led to the arrest of 114 Corso's employees at its Sandusky and Castalia, Ohio, facilities.

According to the Associated Press, the ICE agents were targeting specific individuals suspected of tax evasion and identity theft stemming from an October audit of the company that found 123 suspicious documents out of the 313 employee records reviewed.

The impact of immigration on the horticultural workforce has been a common topic of discussion among experts, and Craig Regelbrugge, AmericanHort, told the GIE Media Horticulture Group that the raid on Corso's is only the most recent example of a wider crackdown on undocumented labor, and that AmericanHort is striving to provide knowledge and resources necessary for green industry businesses to navigate the issue.

Source *NurseryMag.com* - <http://www.nurserymag.com/article/corsos-immigration-ice-raid-americanhort/>

EPA Sued Over WPS Delay

The attorneys general (AG) from three states are suing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for failing to enforce a requirement meant in part to protect farmworkers from pesticides. The AGs from Maryland, California and New York sued the Trump administration on Wednesday for indefinitely suspending a key requirement in the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS), which requires employers to give training to workers meant to protect them from pesticide poisoning.

"EPA's unjustified delay harms the nation's hundreds of thousands of farmworkers and their families, and is arbitrary and capricious," reads the suit.

Source *TheHill.com* - <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/389895-ags-sue-epa-over-delay-of-requirement-to-protect-farmworkers>

INLA Member Job Board

Have a job opening in your business? Need to get the word out? INLA offers a free job board to members. Please email listings to Joan O'Brien joano@agribiz.org.

Visit www.iowanla.org/job-postings/ for current listings.

Call the INLA office at 515-262-8323/800-383-1682 or email joano@agribiz.org for more details.

AmericanHort Commends Senate Ag Committee on Farm Bill

AmericanHort applauds the leaders of the Senate Agriculture Committee with the release of their draft Farm Bill, The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. The Committee will formally take up and consider the bill on Wednesday, June 13.

"AmericanHort is greatly appreciative of the time, effort, and manner that Chairman Roberts and Ranking Member Stabenow took to craft this important piece of legislation — as it sustains funding to initiatives and programs that are essential to the horticulture industry," said AmericanHort Senior Vice President Craig Regelbrugge. "The committee should also be lauded for their commitment to continuing the tradition of developing a bipartisan Farm Bill."

Horticulture industry priorities such as the Plant Pest and Disease Management Program, National Clean Plant Network, and Specialty Crop Block Grants remain intact, with stable funding and funded at respectable levels going forward. "This is not an easy task in this budget-tightening era," said Regelbrugge.

The Specialty Crop Research Initiative, another key AmericanHort priority, will benefit from another \$25 million in funds being available to all specialty crop industries. Additional positive developments include the creation of regional specialty crop liaisons for crop insurance, as well as the requirement for the Secretary of Agriculture to implement a strategy to accelerate the development and availability of mechanization and labor-saving technology solutions in the production of specialty crops, including nursery and floriculture crops.

"We look forward to working with the Senate to pass this vital piece of legislation as quickly as possible," said Tal Coley, Director of Government Affairs for AmericanHort.

Source *AmericanHort.org*: <https://www.americanhort.org/news/404716/AmericanHort-Commends-Senate-Agriculture-Committee-on-Farm-Bill-Release.htm>

FMCSA Still Unclear

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) issued additional guidance on the agricultural exemption on June 1, while also providing more clarity on certain situations where time would not count against a commercial driver's available hours of service. Unfortunately, what we've been waiting for—clarity on what is considered an agricultural commodity—was not provided in this guidance.

The current vague and problematic definition is referenced in the guidance, however. What is in the new guidance? Mainly, it focuses on situations around parking, issues associated with the agricultural exemption's 150-mile radius, as well as what is specifically considered a "source."

The most significant change by FMCSA centers on the ability of drivers to enter personal use/off-duty status without penalty, whether the truck is loaded or not, in order to find the nearest safe parking or rest location after hours of service (HOS) have been exhausted. In other words, time looking for a safe place to park will not count against the clock. This has been a significant issue for commercial drivers and is a welcome change to those in the trucking world.

Sources Nursery Management <http://www.nurserymag.com/article/additional-trucking-guidance-ag-exemption/> and FMCSA <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/docs/regulations/404431/agricultural-commodity-transportation-guidance.pdf>

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Calendar of Events

2018

July 14-17 Cultivate'18
Greater Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, OH

Sept 11 INLA Day of Service
Iowa Arboretum
Madrid, IA

2019

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