Political Update and Forecast

November 12, 2016
2016 RESULTS
Presidential Results

Reported as of November 11th at 11:00 am EST

Hillary Clinton (D)
Running Mate: Tim Kaine
Popular Vote: 50.1%
States Carried: 20 + DC

Donald Trump (R)
Running Mate: Mike Pence
Popular Vote: 49.8%
States Carried: 30

*States not officially called but leaning towards shade indicated on the map
Presidential Results

• Trump: 290       Clinton: 228
• Big surprises: PA, FL, WI, NC, MI
• Next steps:
  o Dec. 19: Electors will meet in the states to cast their votes for President and Vice President
  o Dec. 28: Deadline for states to submit votes
  o Jan. 6: Congress meets in joint session to count electoral votes (Date could change)
Senate Results

• GOP: 51       Dem: 48       NC: 1
  o Louisiana will have runoff, GOP will likely prevail

• Surprising outcomes:
  Ron Johnson (R-WI), Roy Blunt (R-MO), Richard Burr (R-NC), Pat Toomey (R-PA), Todd Young (R-IN)
House Results

- Democratic winner
- Republican winner
- Not yet called

Democrats: 191
Republicans: 235
Independents: 0
Not yet called: 9
House Results

- GOP: 238          Dem: 192
- Not yet called: 4
- Net change from 114th: Dems +6
PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP
Appointments

• Trump’s pick for Secretary of Agriculture is tough to predict
• Likely will be a member of his 70-person agriculture advisory campaign committee
• Some names include: Don Villwock (IN), Ted McKinney (IN), Rick Perry (TX), Sid Miller (TX), and Charles Herbster (NE)
• Promised to appoint a pro-farmer EPA administrator
Trump Positions on Agriculture

• WOTUS: major campaign issue – promised to repeal
• Farm Bill: "Pence will be my ag guy"
  o Pence voted no on every 2008 Farm Bill vote
• Trade: tough campaign rhetoric, but likely will not actively tear down ag trade
• Broad regulatory reform: Endangered Species Act
2016

LAME DUCK SESSION
Schedule

• 11/15-11/18: House and Senate return – new member orientation, leadership elections, little substantive legislating
• 11/21-11/25: Thanksgiving recess
• 11/28-12/2: House and Senate return
• 12/9: CR expires, possible extension through 12/16
• 12/16: House and Senate adjourn Sine Die
Appropriations

• Continuing Resolution expires on 12/9
• Staff has been working since September
• Four options:
  o Short-term CR – through March 31, 2016
  o “Omni-bus”
  o “Mini-busses”
  o “CRomni-bus”
• Several issues important to ag including WOTUS
• This may be the only action during lame-duck
Tax Extenders

• Over 30 provisions expiring at the end of 2016 including:
  o Biodiesel and biofuel credits
  o Hydropower, biomass, geothermal credits
  o Expensing for race horses and motorsports

• Other tax proposals in play
  o Lost citrus plants expensing
  o Bonus depreciation changes
  o Many more
TPP

- USTR has been pushing ag groups to engage Congress
- Dead in the water
115th CONGRESS
Farm Bill – shifting priorities

- Barnyard Pesticide and Diseases Line
- ARC/PLC changes
- Weak dairy, egg, and cotton markets
  - USDA dairy purchases
- Nutrition vs. Production Ag
- Checkoffs
- Regulatory Reform
Trade

- TPP: pretty much dead this season
- Cuba: Ag credit financing – could be completed to avoid messy farm bill
- NAFTA: Trump was hard on this deal... proposed to ‘rip it up’.
  - Renegotiate?
- Focus on enforcement
Pesticides

- Endangered Species Act reform: addressing issues with implementation
- Registration review of pesticides: especially herbicides – industry has been losing
- Overall theme of regulatory reform from the GOP
Immigration

• Build a wall? Mass deportation? – both cited in Trump’s campaign

• More likely:
  o E-Verify mandate for all employers
  o Major changes to H1-B (high-skilled labor)
  o Some changes to H2-A (ag workers)
Questions?