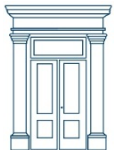


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# **Political Update and Forecast**

**November 12, 2016**



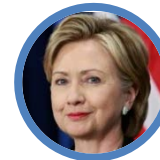
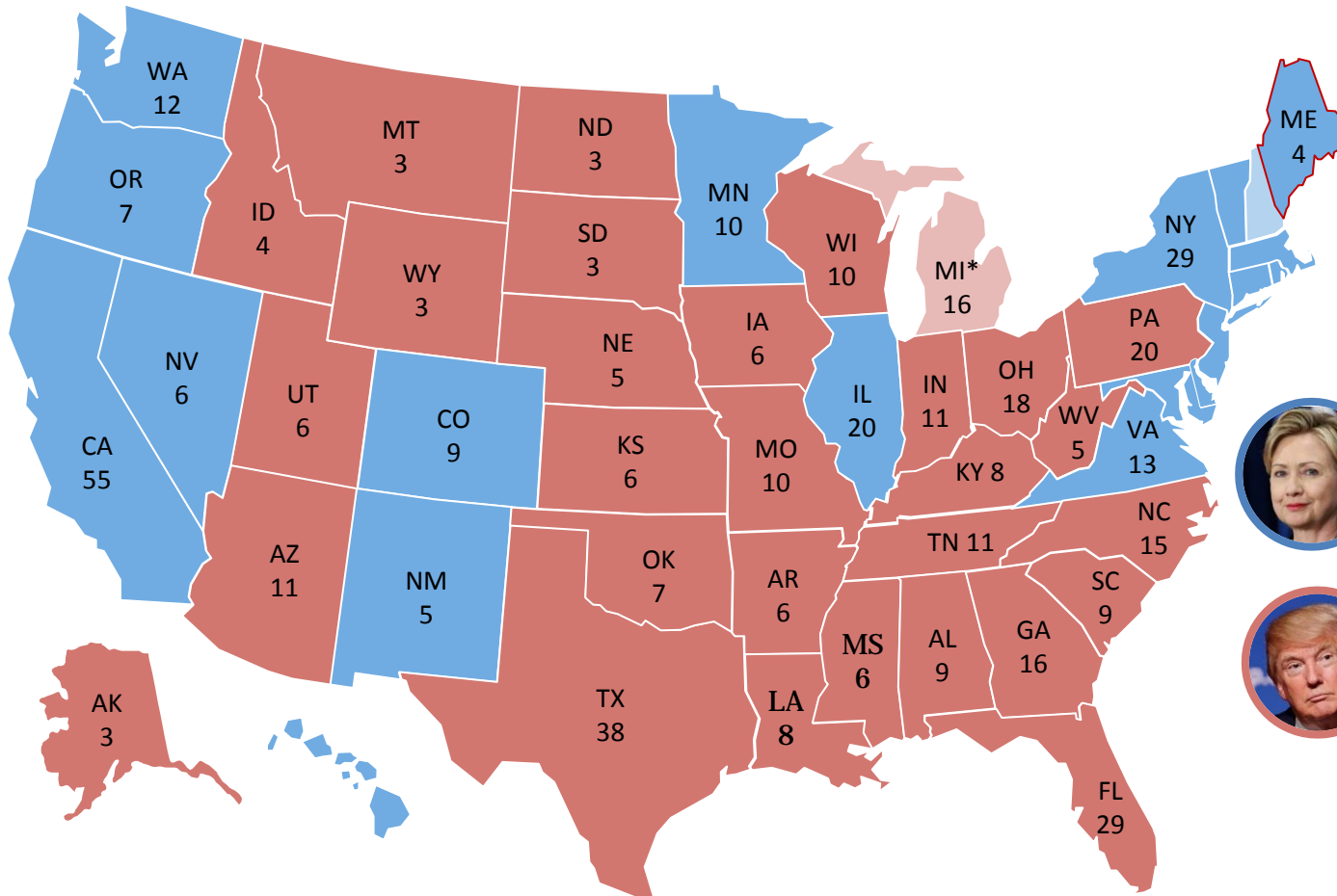
# 2016 RESULTS



# Presidential Results

Reported as of November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am EST

■ Hillary Clinton ■ Donald Trump

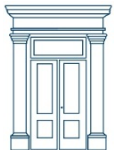


**Hillary Clinton (D)**  
Running Mate: Tim Kaine  
Popular Vote: 50.1%  
States Carried: 20 + DC



**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

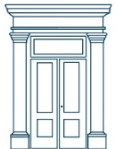
- Trump: 290                      Clinton: 228
- Big surprises: PA, FL, WI, NC, MI
- Next steps:
  - Dec. 19: Electors will meet in the states to cast their votes for President and Vice President
  - Dec. 28: Deadline for states to submit votes
  - Jan. 6: Congress meets in joint session to count electoral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





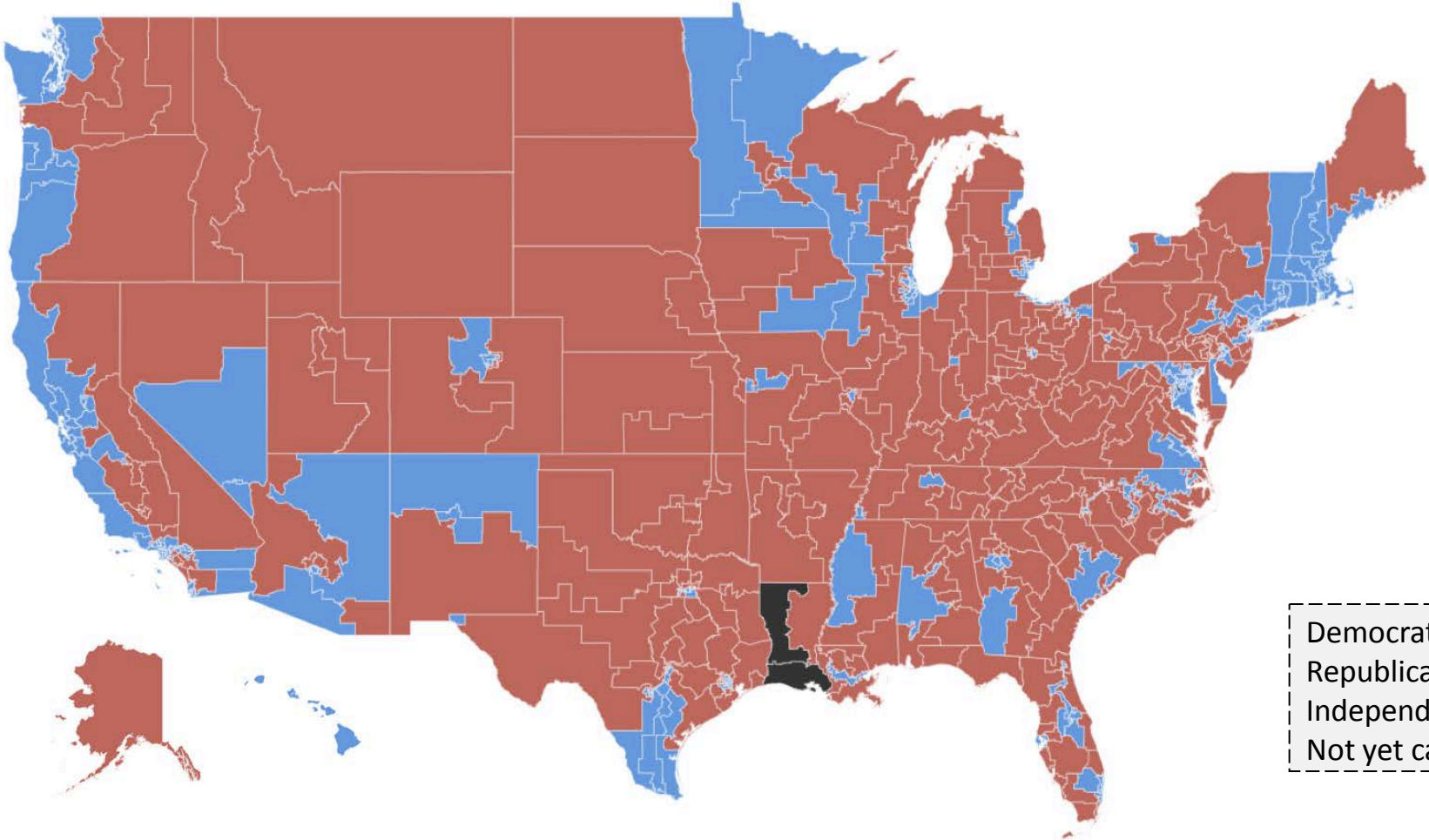
# Senate Results

- **GOP: 51      Dem: 48      NC: 1**
  - 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 114<sup>th</sup>: Dems +6



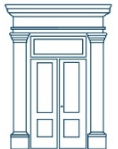


**PRESIDENT  
DONALD TRUMP**



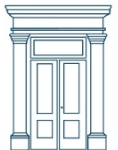
# Appointments

- 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

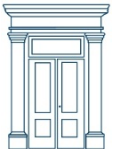


# Trump Positions on Agriculture

- **WOTUS:** major campaign issue – promised to repeal
- **Farm Bill:** “Pence will be my ag guy”
  - 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**



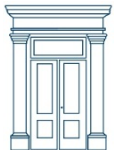
# Schedule

- 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



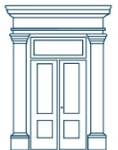
# Appropriations

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



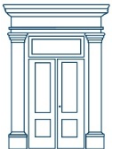
# Tax Extenders

- Over 30 provisions expiring at the end of 2016 including:
  - Biodiesel and biofuel credits
  - Hydropower, biomass, geothermal credits
  - Expensing for race horses and motorsports
- Other tax proposals in play
  - Lost citrus plants expensing
  - Bonus depreciation changes
  - Many more



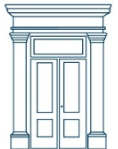
# TPP

- USTR has been pushing ag groups to engage Congress
- Dead in the water



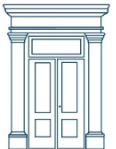


# 115<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS



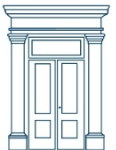
# **Farm Bill – shifting priorities**

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



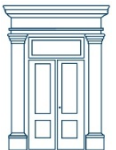
# Trade

- 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

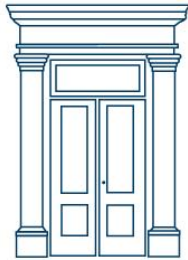
- Endangered Species Act reform: addressing issues with implementation
- Registration review of pesticides: especially herbicides – industry has been losing
- Overall theme of regulatory reform from the GOP



# Immigration

- Build a wall? Mass deportation? – both cited in Trump's campaign
- More likely:
  - E-Verify mandate for all employers
  - Major changes to H1-B (high-skilled labor)
  - Some changes to H2-A (ag workers)





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