



Transportation and Infrastructure

Water Resources Development Act

- NCGA's top priority is the cost share change.
 - The cost share is currently equally divided between general revenue and the inland waterway trust fund. **NCGA would like to see this changed to 75 percent general revenue/25 percent inland waterway trust fund.**
 - This change would enable construction to begin on a new lock and dam in 2021. It would take an additional 4-5 years without the cost share change.
 - The Senate legislation calls for a 65/35 cost share change, the House bill has yet to be released.
- More than 50 percent of our nation's corn crop is moved through the inland waterway system
- The U.S. inland waterways keep us competitive with countries like Brazil and Argentina, who are quickly moving past the United States in total corn production. Those countries don't have inland waterway infrastructure in place.

Rural Broadband

- Reliable, strong rural broadband will give farmers access to the tools they need to become more efficient and sustainable.
 - Reliable broadband and the use of precision agriculture would add \$13.1 billion in gross benefit per year in row crops.
 - Since 2019, USDA has provided \$500 million in rural broadband grants to states through the department's ReConnect program.
 - The 2018 Farm Bill established a Precision Ag, Connectivity Task Force for the USDA and the FCC to discuss rural broadband solutions.
- **Connect agriculture and rural America with reliable and dependable internet connectivity!**