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NFI COVID-19 Sitrep #72

NFI Tools for Members

1. On Wednesday 29 July NFI will host a shellfish webinar. [Register for this NFI members meeting.](#)

Government Stimulus, Assistance, and Regulatory Relief Programs

1. The U.S. Senate will consider a fifth coronavirus-response bill prior to 3 August.
2. NFI, the International Foodservice Distributors Association, and United Fresh released a statement in support of Rep. LaHood's [legislation to provide tax relief associated with accounts receivables that were unpaid](#) due to COVID.
3. NFI and several other major associations expressed [support for bipartisan house legislation \(Graves, Cuellar\) that would provide liability protection](#) for critical infrastructure businesses (like NFI members) that stayed open during COVID.
4. Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) introduced the FRNT LINE Act which will provide [tax relief to essential workers, including those who work in the food](#) and agriculture sector.
5. The International Dairy Foods Association reported on recently conducted research of a broad cross section of Americans:
 - Nine in ten voters agree that grocery store workers (93%), agricultural and food production workers (90%) and farm workers (89%) are essential workers.
 - Two-thirds or more of voters support providing tax relief to grocery store workers, farm workers, agricultural and food production workers, and vehicle and machinery workers

Reopening the Economy and Market Reports

1. For a review of the status of other meat proteins, the Food Protection and Defense Institute [21 July 2020 report highlights pork, poultry, and beef markets](#)

Media Reports

1. Alaska Public Radio [reports](#) that COVID-19 data-modeling sites show the Bristol Bay region as one of the nation's hottest hotbeds of infection – but it's likely an anomaly due to the model's limitations; Alaska is unique in many ways (such as seasonal employees impacting population) and often national models don't translate.

Federal and State Government Reports

1. This handy one-page resource, [COVID-19 Data Hubs for Data-Driven Decision Making](#), provides links to publicly-accessible COVID-19 data and analytic resources.
2. The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has developed the [COVID-19 Recovery CISA Tabletop Exercise Package](#) (CTEP) to assist private sector stakeholders and critical infrastructure owners and operators in assessing short-term, intermediate, and long-term recovery and business continuity plans related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Miller Strategies, an NFI consultant, provides a daily summary of White House, Congressional, and [political updates as of 21 Jul 2020](#).

Previously Reported Government or Industry Actions NFI will store all previous links in the [NFI COVID Resource Center](#).

[NFI offers an antitrust reminder](#) not because of specific seafood industry actions that raise antitrust concerns, but instead simply to highlight DOJ's emphasis on this area of enforcement, and as a reminder that these laws apply during a difficult time for all member companies.