

Subject: Electric from a farmers view

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From: Bodine Farms and Meat Market

To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

To all whom have an opportunity to read,

I have growing concerns about going to the electric form of transportation. It starts with the supply and where it originates. All of the research I do leads me to one main country being China. When it comes to the minerals needed to produce batteries and even our solar push here in the United States, the majority of these products are coming from China. So my question is, is anything being proposed ahead of time to support America companies to provide these materials? Also, are plans outlined to build the infrastructure needed first before the demand is needed?

I am a Delaware farmer and I have several pieces of equipment along with vehicles that are gas and diesel powered. We have made true attempts to replace gas powered utility vehicles with battery powered vehicles with no luck. Simply put, the batteries do not last under daily use and charging. The batteries are expensive to replace and the time lost during charge is irreplaceable. Many of the tasks we do will not be manageable to even consider electric vehicles until the run time on electric vehicles increases majorly. Agriculture thrives through efficiency and with less land to farm each year, our efforts take more and more. There's never enough "time" in the day as it is. Adding to the burden by pushing the electric vehicles and manufacturers to slow production on gas and diesel powered vehicles I'm concerned that the lack of competition/availability will lead to higher costs in the future for the gas/diesel trucks we will continue to need to farm efficiently. My other concern will be the suppression of using these gas/diesel powered vehicles in regulatory disposition that would make it more expensive for us to keep using them to do our job. Freedom of choice is high on my list and should be to all. I believe that electric and hybrid certainly have a place as an (Option). The war on energy here in the United States is already crippling our nation and is getting worse. By adopting these types of regulations we are certainly working away from that and hiding behind the term Zero emissions is an absolute Lie. The result for many of us will be to purchase out of state which will take money and opportunity away from Delawarrians. Please take my vote to pass these regulations as a NO.

Thank you for your time,
Concerned citizen.