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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name
Agricultural Retailers Association

2. Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported
1156 15th Street NW, Suite 302

3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2)
Washington (City:) D.C. 20005 (State/zip (or Country))

4. Contact Name	Telephone	E-mail (optional)	5. Senate ID #
Jack Eberspacher	(202) 457-0825	jack@aradc.org	454-12

7. Client Name	☑ Self	6. House ID #
Self		33432000

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30) ☐ **OR** Year End (July 1-Decem

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐ ➪ Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobbying A

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than $10,000 ☐

$10,000 or more ☐ ➪ $ _____ Income (nearest $20,000)

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest $20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reportin period were:

Less than $10,000 ☐

$10,000 or more ☑ ➪ $ $40,000.00 Expenses (nearest $20,000)

14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expe accounting method. See instructions for description of optic

☑ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b) Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) Internal Revenue Code

1/1/04

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name and Title Jack Eberspacher, President & CEO

LD-2 (REV. 4/03)

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LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the r engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. **Using a separate page for each code** information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code CHM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Opposed S. 157 and H.R. 1861, Chemical Security Act of 2003; participated in industry coalition voicing concerns about the legislation.
- Raised concerns with provisions included in S. 994, Chemical Facilities Security Act of 2003. Supported Ag Business Security Grant Program amendment offered by Sen. Allard and adopted to S. 994.
- Supported creation of an ag business security investment tax credit.
- Raised concerns with new DOT hazardous materials transportation security regulations.
- Informed members of Congress and Federal Agencies on ARA's new Security Vulnerability Assessment (SVA) program.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted ☐ Check if None

House	DOT
Senate	White House
DHS	
USDA	
EPA	

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Richard Gupton	
Jim Thrift	
Jack Eberspacher	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above ☑ Check if None

Signature Jack Eberspacher Date 1/6/04

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15. General issue area code HOM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Opposed S. 157 and H.R. 1861, Chemical Security Act of 2003; participated in industry coalition voicing concerns about the legislation.
- Raised concerns with provisions included in S. 994, Chemical Facilities Security Act of 2003. Supported Agricultural Business Security Grant Program amendment offered by Sen. Allard and adopted to S. 994.
- Supported creation of agricultural business security investment tax credit.
- Raised concerns with new DOT hazardous materials transportation security regulations.
- Informed members of Congress and Federal agencies on new Security Vulnerability Assessment (SVA) program.
- Participated in Food and Agriculture Task Force with DHS.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted ☐ Check if None

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EPA	

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15. General issue area code TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Supported creation of agricultural business security investment tax credit.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted ☐ Check if None

House
Senate
DHS
White House

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15. General issue area code TRA (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Agriculture Exemption to Hours of Service of Drivers Rules: Supported authorizing language in new Highway Bill (reauthorization of TEA-21) protecting the agriculture exemption; supported H.R. 871 and S. 1325; participated in industry coalition voicing concerns about DOT regulations.
- CDL Background Checks: Raised concerns on costs to industry and supported protection of the seasonal Commercial Drivers License (CDL) program.
- Raised concerns with new hazardous materials transportation security regulations and its impact on retailers.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted ☐ Check if None

House
Senate
DOT

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15. General issue area code ENV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Raised concerns with EPA pesticide spray drift regulations. Participated in meetings with EPA officials and members of Congress.
- Supported reforming Endangered Species Act (H.R. 1662 and S. 369).
- Raised concerns over water quality issues such as Total Maximum Daily Loads.
- Supported revisions to EPA's spill containment rules that go into effect in 2004.
- Raised concerns with EPA off-road diesel rules that go into effect beginning in 2007.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted ☐ Check if None

House USDA
Senate
EPA
DOT
DHS

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15. General issue area code LAW (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Deterring theft of anhydrous ammonia fertilizer and supporting research into developments of inert agents. Supported Sen. Harkin's efforts to secure appropriations for voluntary tank lock program.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted ☐ Check if None

House
Senate

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15. General issue area code LBR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Fair Labors Standards Act: Impact of the FLSA on per-acre incentive payments to pesticide and fertilizer applicators; urged clarification of DOL policy and protect use of traditional compensation methods.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted ☐ Check if None

House
Senate
DOL

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Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City State/Zip (or Country)

22. New general description of client's business or activites

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is **no longer** expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

Seaver Sowers

Steve Hensley

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that **no longer** pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of Busi (city and state or count

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is **no longer** affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	O pe cli

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that **no longer** owns, **or** controls, **or** is affiliated with the registrant, cli affiliated organization

Signature Jack Edwards Date 1/6/09

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