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Will Continue to Serve as Ranking Minority Member of Agriculture Subcommittee on

General Farm Commodities and Risk Management

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran will again serve on the House Agriculture Committee and announced today he will continue in his role as the Ranking Minority Member of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management during the 111th Congress. In an Agriculture Committee meeting this week, Moran was also assigned to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research and the Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture.

"Protecting and preserving our farms and ranches is vital for the survival of the economy and our Kansas way of life," Moran said. "The producers in our state, and around the country, are bracing right now during unpredictable economic times. As Ranking Minority Member of the General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee, I will be able to ensure that producers' have the opportunity to remain profitable through access to strong safety net programs like crop insurance and direct payments."

During an Agriculture Committee meeting this week, committee members adopted committee rules for the new congressional session and were informed about the committee oversight plan. The committee chairman, Congressman Collin Peterson (MN), also discussed upcoming business for the Agriculture Committee that will include legislation to modify laws governing the commodity futures industry and legislation to modernize the structure of U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research oversees issues such as resource conservation, energy production and agricultural research. The Subcommittee of Horticulture and Organic Agriculture oversees issues

such as marketing and promotion orders, plant pesticides, quarantine and organic agriculture. As the Ranking Minority Member on the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, Moran will delve into issues that include commodity programs and markets, operations of the Commodity Credit Corporation, and risk management, including crop insurance and commodity exchanges.

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