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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran recently met one-on-one with newly confirmed U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary, Mike Johanns. The two discussed issues important to Kansas, including the prompt delivery of drought assistance to Kansas farmers, the upcoming farm bill and budget cuts and the issues surrounding Canadian beef imports.

"As our neighbor to the north and someone who grew up on a dairy farm, Secretary Johanns has a good understanding of production agriculture and brings a common sense, Midwest approach to his leadership at the USDA," Moran said. "I believe he understands the challenges that face agriculture, and I look forward to working with him."

In early December, President Bush announced that Nebraska Governor Mike Johanns would serve as the 28th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. On January 21, 2005, Secretary Johanns was sworn in as the new Secretary of the USDA.

"Governor Johanns will bring a unique understanding of the legislative process from his time as Governor of Nebraska, which will be critical as we begin work on the new farm bill," Moran said. "We have a lot of work ahead of us, and I am encouraged by the good relationship that Secretary Johanns and I have established."

Moran is a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee and is the Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management.

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