

## 9/02/2005 Moran to Host Secretary of Agriculture at Kansas State Fair

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HUTCHINSON - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that he will join U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns in hosting a Farm Bill forum at the 2005 Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Moran and Secretary Johanns will seek input from Kansas farmers and ranchers on the development of the 2007 Farm Bill.

"I am pleased the Secretary will be joining us at our state fair to meet with Kansans involved in agriculture," Moran said. "It's great to see the Secretary taking these initial steps in the Farm Bill process and including input from Kansas farmers and ranchers."

The Kansas State Fair visit is part of a nationwide Farm Bill listening tour to gain input from America's agriculture community. The Farm Bill forum will be Monday, September 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Encampment Building at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

In addition to the Farm Bill forum, Congressman Moran will attend other events in conjunction with the 2005 Kansas State Fair, September 9 through 18. Moran will attend the annual Kansas Farm Bureau Leadership Breakfast on Saturday, September 10. Each year since his election to Congress, Moran has attended the state fair in order to gather input and suggestions from Kansans to take back to Washington, D.C.

Moran will also have an information booth available throughout the state fair with members of his staff available to answer questions and provide information to fairgoers. The booth will be located in the Pride of Kansas Building.

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

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