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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today was selected to chair the U.S. House Agriculture Subcommittee on General Commodities and Risk Management by Chairman Bob Goodlatte (VA-06). This Subcommittee oversees farm commodity and risk management programs.

"Agriculture is an important part of our Kansas landscape and our state's heritage," Moran said. "Working on behalf of our farmers and ranchers is very important, and serving as the chair of this subcommittee will help me better serve our state."

Kansas's First Congressional District has 22.9 million acres of cropland - about the same area as the state of Indiana. The district leads the nation in the production of sorghum, producing 36 percent of the nation's total. In 2000, the First District alone harvested 8.5 million acres of wheat - second in the nation behind the entire state of North Dakota. The First District is also among the top ten Congressional districts in the production of corn, sunflowers, and rye.

"Congressman Moran's new post as Chairman of the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management is great news for Kansas," Senator Pat Roberts said. "Under Jerry's leadership, Kansas will have a strong voice in the oversight of important programs such as crop insurance and other commodity programs. I look forward to continuing to work with Jerry on behalf of farmers and ranchers in Kansas and across the country."

"This new subcommittee chairmanship will ensure that Kansas farmers, ranchers and rural citizens will have an aggressive voice in the development and implementation of agricultural policy," said former Agriculture Secretary and Kansas Congressman, Dan Glickman. "Jerry has been a tenacious advocate for the voices of our nation's farmers and ranchers, and this new position will keep Kansas in the forefront of farm and rural issues."

"I am pleased that Congressman Moran has assumed the Chairmanship of the General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Agriculture Subcommittee," House Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte said. "His proven leadership and work on behalf of Kansans and rural America will make him a tremendous asset to the committee."

"I am honored to have this opportunity to better serve American farmers and ranchers," Moran concluded.

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