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Event Works to Identify Solutions to Multi-Year Losses

KANSAS CITY, MO - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that he will give opening remarks at a crop insurance conference on the issue of multi-year loss at the Risk Management Agency's office in Kansas City, Missouri. The Risk Management Agency will invite companies, universities and private sector research entities from across the country to more fully identify the problem and to submit proposals for addressing the effects of insurance guarantees because of multi-year losses.

"Too many farmers in Kansas have been faced with extreme drought during the past several years," Moran said. "Crop insurance is intended to provide farmers with assistance when crops fail. However, insurance coverage declines when they have had multiple years of drought and other disasters. We must deliver much needed crop insurance reform to drought stricken farmers, and this forum is a way to expedite the process."

As the Chairman of the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, Moran has made the issue of multi-year loss a priority since becoming chairman two years ago. Declining insurance yield guarantees from multi-year loss was a subject in several of the Congressman's hearings last year and will continue to be at the forefront of his agenda. In addition to multi-year loss, Moran has met with the Risk Management Agency several times to work on ways to streamline the approval process and improve risk protection for farmers.

The conference will be held on May 7, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in Kansas City.

"We commend Congressman Moran for his leadership in searching for multi-year solutions to what is clearly a multi-year drought for many Kansas agriculture producers," said Steve Baccus, a grain producer from Ottawa County, who serves as president of Kansas Farm Bureau. "We applaud the efforts of the Risk Management Agency to conduct the appropriate study to determine the best approach to fix this crop insurance problem."

Also participating will be Ross Davidson, Jr., Administrator of the Risk Management Agency and manager for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

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