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Washington, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran has been selected to receive two recent awards for his work on behalf of Kansas agriculture. Moran is the recipient of the "Wheat Champion" Award from the National Association of Wheat Growers and the Fox Award from the Kansas Water Office.

The "Wheat Champion" Award is presented annually to a few individuals who have shown support and understanding of the nation's wheat industry. In announcing the awards last week, the National Association of Wheat Growers said that each recipient of the award has demonstrated superior action in support of the goals and policies of the wheat industry.

"Though our agriculture industry has fallen on hard times, there is little doubt that wheat remains an important part of our state's heritage and will continue to be an important part of the future," Moran said.

Moran also received the Fox Award from the Kansas Water Office. According to the water office, the award, which is named after former state representative and water plan advocate, Ron Fox, was presented to Congressman Moran for "Distinguished leadership supporting implementation of the Kansas Water Plan and legislation addressing Kansas Water Plan issues." They went on to say, "Congressman Moran knows full well the close ties between a vibrant rural Kansas and an abundant supply of quality water for all uses. His actions were instrumental in securing Environmental Quality Incentive Program dollars for conservation of the Ogallala aquifer."

"There is no more important resource in Kansas than our water," Moran said. "Whether it's used for a community's drinking water, wildlife, agriculture crops or recreation in our state's lakes and streams, water is the lifeblood of the Kansas economy."

Moran is the Chairman of the U.S. House Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management.

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