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Hearing to Look at Crop Situation in Upper Midwest

ADA, MINNESOTA - Congressman Jerry Moran, Chair of the U.S. House Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, announced today that he will be holding a field hearing later this month to review crop insurance and commodity programs. The subcommittee will hear testimony from farmers, crop insurance agents and agricultural lenders in the Minnesota and North Dakota growing regions. Ag producers testifying will represent a broad range of commodities, including wheat, corn, soybeans, sugarbeets, canola and barley.

"As drought conditions worsen across the Great Plains, it's important that we take a look at the crop insurance and risk management options available to producers," Moran said.

This hearing is the fourth in a series of hearings to review crop insurance and risk management.

Four panels of witnesses will testify before the subcommittee. In addition to hearing from farmers, the subcommittee will hear testimony from the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

"By hearing from local producers and lenders in the upper-Midwest, the subcommittee will get a better understanding of the situation facing American agriculture in the region," Moran concluded.

The hearing will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 19th, at the Ada-Borup High School, Ada, Minnesota.

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