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Representatives from the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers will join Moran for Tour

SALINA - Congressman Jerry Moran announced today that he will join representatives from the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers to examine freeze damaged wheat fields on Monday, April 30, 2007. Moran, who is the Ranking Member of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, would like to get a closer look at wheat fields that suffered damage from the hard freeze at the beginning of April. Moran's Subcommittee has jurisdiction over crop insurance and the commodity title of the Farm Bill. The tour will feature stops in Russell, Saline, McPherson and Dickinson -----Counties.

"I remain committed to passing agriculture disaster assistance legislation in Congress. Multiple years of drought conditions coupled with this year's winter storm and April freeze have taken its toll on Kansas agriculture. It is disappointing that after back-to-back drought years, what was shaping up to be a good wheat crop was severely damaged by the spring freeze in some parts of the state. I want to see the severity of this damage first-hand so that I can convey the urgency of passing a viable disaster package to my colleagues in Congress."

Wheat producers are encouraged to attend any or all stops on the tour. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 30, 2007

9:30 a.m. Visit Morris Krugg Farm, Russell, KS

Directions: From I-70, take Exit 281 (Russell). Go 1/2 mile south to I-70 Rd. Turn west and go 1 mile to a stop sign. Continue west about one city block to the farm. Yard on the right. Field location is 1 mile west and 1/2 mile south of the farm.

11:30 p.m. Visit Kejr Farm, 10143 W. Stimmel Road, Brookeville, KS

Directions: From I-70 (West), take Exist 238 (Brookville). Turn south and travel 1/2 mile. Take W. Stimmel Rd east for 2 1/2 miles. From I-70 (East), take Exit 244 (Hedville). Turn south and travel 1/2 mile. Take W. Stimmel Rd, west for 3 1/2 miles. Farm is on the south side of the road.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Visit several fields through McPherson County

Directions: From I-35, take Exit 60 (McPherson). Meet at the parking lot of Orscheln's Farm & Home off the interstate to the west. Caravan to fields from that meeting point.

3:15 p.m. Visit Fred & Jeanne Traskowsky Farm, Woodbine, KS

Directions: From Highway 77, Take Highway 209 west into Woodbine. Field location along the highway.

**Those interested in attending, should contact the Salina District Office of Congressman Moran at (785) 309-0572.

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