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Discusses Farm Bill, Beef Trade and Disaster Assistance

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran recently met with Acting U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Chuck Connor to discuss the writing of the farm bill and its importance to Kansans. Connor was named Acting Secretary last month by President Bush upon the resignation of former Secretary Mike Johanns.

"My time with Acting Secretary Connor was a good opportunity to relay the concerns of Kansas farmers and ranchers and my desire to work with him as we address the needs of Kansas and American agriculture," Moran said. "Acting Secretary Connor has helped make it a smooth transition at USDA. I look forward to continuing a good working relationship with the department."

In addition to discussing the importance of a farm bill that will be beneficial to Kansas agriculture, Moran utilized the opportunity to talk about the need to open beef trade with Japan and South Korea. Moran also relayed concerns from Kansas beef producers about the eligibility requirements of the Livestock Compensation Program that is a component of the disaster assistance recently passed by Congress.

Moran is a senior member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

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