

State's ag industry a prime concern

SERVING MY FIRST term in Congress, I have worked hard to promote Colorado's agriculture industry and the farmers and ranchers who are its backbone. It is important that I serve to learn more about these issues that are critical to the state's economy and my work regarding agriculture in Congress.

Throughout my service as your congresswoman, much of my time in Colorado has been spent meeting face to face with local agriculture producers in Larimer County, as well as visiting wheat fields throughout Logan, Morgan, Prowers, Kiowa and Baca counties, dairies in northern Colorado, and helping residents across the state break through the red tape at the Department of Agriculture.

This is all in addition to my service in Washington, where I serve as the only Colorado Republican on the Agriculture Committee. I have fought for the passage of drought-relief legislation, engaged Agriculture Secretary Anne Veneman on the critical issue of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease) as well as petitioned U.S. trade representative Allen Johnson on freer trade for Colorado agriculture products in our global economy.

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Colorado Farm Bureau issued the following comments after our recent meeting: "Colorado Farm Bureau knows we can turn to Marilyn Musgrave and get results. In her first term in Congress, she has already secured a congressional hearing in Greeley to review the Endangered Species Act. ... Musgrave is in tune with the needs of Colorado farmers and ranchers and is a solid voice for them in Congress."

In addition, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., recently remarked, "Marilyn is a tenacious advocate for the farmers and ranchers she serves in Colorado, and I witnessed this firsthand when I accepted her invitation to tour parts of her district earlier this year. In Colorado and in Congress, she fights hard on their behalf."

The agriculture industry is a key economic sector in Colorado that is affected by a variety of national public policies. I look forward to continuing my service through this session of Congress for the state's farmers and ranchers and fighting for them locally as well as in our nation's capital.

Rep. Marilyn Musgrave is running in the Republican primary to serve Colorado's 4th Congressional District.