



*Congressman*  
**JERRY MORAN**

*Representing the First District of Kansas  
United States House of Representatives*

Dear Friend:

Agriculture is the economic foundation of the First Congressional District and of Kansas.

Today, this foundation is cracking. Commodity prices have fallen sharply to levels below the cost of production for nearly everything we produce in Kansas. Markets remain closed by sanctions, flawed or poorly enforced trade agreements keep us at a competitive disadvantage and world economic conditions continue to erode exports.

Meanwhile, the price of everything the farmer buys continues to rise.

Agricultural producers have a right to be frustrated. Most of the problems in agriculture fall well beyond the control of individual producers. I am working to see that the interests of Kansas farmers and ranchers are not overlooked in Washington. I am also working to see that we prepare for the future of agriculture. It is important that we make agriculture attractive and profitable, so the next generation of Kansas farmers and ranchers can continue the proud tradition of Kansas agriculture.

I hope that this newsletter will help keep you informed of agricultural issues in Washington. Please take a few minutes to fill out the attached questionnaire so that I can better represent you. If you are interested in receiving additional updates, please include your name, address, and/or email address. I look forward to hearing from you. Together, we will work for a better future for Kansas agriculture.

Sincerely,

*Jerry*



**Congressman Moran met with Andy Armbruster of Kiowa, the National FFA Vice President to discuss opportunities for the next generation of Kansas farmers.**

# CRISIS HITS THE FARM BELT

Prices fall to lowest level in years.

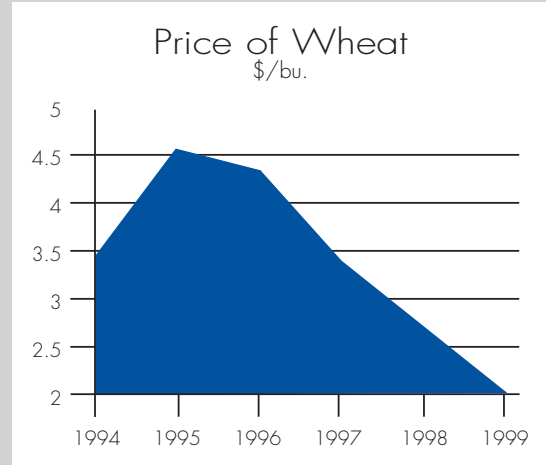
Kansas agriculture is in its most difficult situation since the farm crisis days of the 80's. Many producers have lost crops to severe weather. Even those fortunate enough to harvest a good wheat crop cannot make ends meet with prices near \$2.00.

In Kansas alone, the value of the wheat crop is down \$500 million due to low prices and less production. That is \$500 million less for Kansas producers to pay bills and feed their families. Prices for fall crops look equally depressing. The loss is being felt far beyond the farm gate. Businesses and rural communities that depend on farm income are feeling the pinch and tax revenues are down for state and local governments.

As a representative of one of the most farm dependent districts in the country, Congressman Moran has been at the forefront of efforts in Congress to look for solutions to the farm problem. Earlier this summer, Congressman Moran was one of 40 representatives to call on President Clinton to support farm relief efforts. Moran has spoken on the floor of the House of Representatives on many occasions to highlight the problems in agriculture and advocate solutions.

On July 21, Congressman Moran introduced legislation to compensate farmers for lost markets and low prices. H.R. 2568 authorizes additional payments equal to 75 percent of a producer's 1999 Ag Market Transition Act (AMTA) payment. Moran's bill was the first such relief measure introduced in either the House or Senate and will likely serve as the basis for emergency agricultural legislation this year.

In introducing the bill, Congressman Moran emphasized the need to get assistance out to producers quickly and to do so in a way that benefits all producers, including those who have lost a crop or are otherwise ineligible for additional payments under the loan deficiency payment (LDP) program.

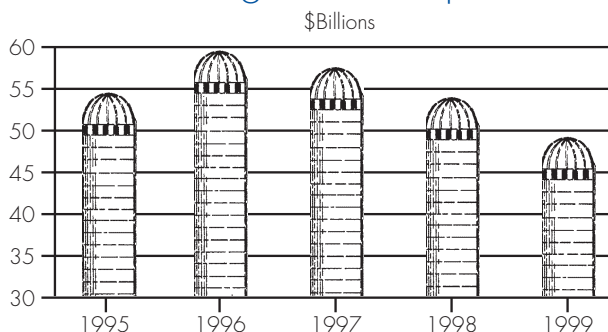


## MORAN WORKS TO BOOST FARM EXPORTS

Exports are vital to Kansas Agriculture. Kansas ranks 6th in farm exports. Our farmers and ranchers export over \$2.6 billion worth of products to foreign markets.

Our success, today and in the future, will rely on exporting our production to consumers around the world. Unfortunately, Washington is not meeting its obligation to promote free and fair trade throughout the world.

### US Agricultural Exports



Source: USDA

## SANCTIONS UNFAIRLY PUNISH THE KANSAS FARMER

In today's global economy, unilateral sanctions by the U.S. do nothing but penalize our producers and reward our competitors.

Congressman Moran has sponsored legislation to repeal existing sanctions and impose new rules that make it more difficult for Congress and the President to impose additional sanctions. Congressman Moran also supports efforts to exempt food and medicine from any U.S. sanctions.

## EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM REMAINS UNUSED

One of the few tools the U.S. has to promote exports and combat unfair trade practices is the Export Enhancement Program (EEP). Since being elected to Congress in 1996, Moran has consistently advocated the use of EEP for wheat, flour and other grains. With Moran's help, Congress provided a billion dollars for EEP, which has yet to be used by the Administration. Meanwhile our competitors continue to subsidize sales and steal our customers.

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**Important: Newsletter Response**

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**MORAN WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU**

*Please take a moment to return this questionnaire. It will allow me to better represent your views in Congress. If you are interested in receiving additional updates on agricultural issues, please include your name, address, telephone number and/or email address. I appreciate your taking the time to respond and letting me know your opinion.*

1. Do you support a major overhaul to the Freedom to Farm Bill?

\_\_\_\_\_ Support          \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

2. What measures do you support to boost farm income? Please rank in order of importance from 1-5.

- a. Increase AMTA payment \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Increase commodity loan rates \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Acreage/Production control programs \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Increase funding for export programs \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Increase CRP acreage \_\_\_\_\_

3. Congress is considering a number of policies pertaining to the livestock sector. Do you favor:

- |   | Yes                      | No                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Mandatory price reporting                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Country of origin labeling                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Anti-trust enforcement of packing industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Insurance coverage for livestock           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Minimize government involvement            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4. Do you favor the following trade-related measures?

- |  | Yes                      | No                       |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Normal Trade Relations with China     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Restoring trade relations with Cuba   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Fast-track authority to the President | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Lifting Sanctions and Embargoes       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Export Enhancement Program            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

5. What do you believe is the most important issue Congress must address for farmers and ranchers?

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Please provide your name, address, phone and email for future news from Congressman Moran.

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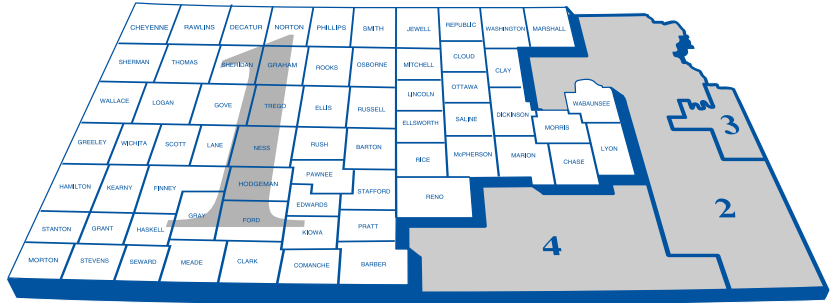
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## Representing the 1st District of Kansas

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## AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE PASSES CROP INSURANCE BILL

On August 3, 1999, the House Committee on Agriculture passed legislation aimed at improving the nation's crop insurance program. The legislation changes the program by:

- Reducing the cost to producers by lowering premiums
- Improving the yield coverage after a disaster year
- Bringing greater accountability to the program by adding more producers and agents to the crop insurance oversight board

The full House of Representatives is scheduled to consider the legislation in September.



Rep. Moran meets with constituents in Marshall County. His role as a member of the House Agriculture Committee is to fight to make certain the rural way of life in Kansas is preserved.

## MORAN INTRODUCES BILL TO IMPROVE CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

The Conservation Reserve Program has long been a popular and effective program, aimed at enhancing this nation's natural resources. While the historical success of this program is exceptional, improvements can and should be made.

H.R. 2779 increases producer flexibility of the CRP by allowing odd-sized parcels of adjacent land to be included in the program for ease of farming. In addition, the legislation would allow the corners of irrigation circles to be included and overturn a recent ruling that now prohibits terraced filter strips from being enrolled under continuous CRP sign-up.