

## **Oklahoma Farm Report**

### **Frank Lucas Says the Message from Farmers in First Set of Field Hearings- Leave Current Farm Policy Alone**

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The first round of field hearings by the US House Ag Committee on farm policy has been completed- and Oklahoma Congressman Frank Lucas, top Republican on the House Ag Committee, tells us that the one segment agriculture that wants policy overhaul at this time is the dairy industry. Beyond dairy producers, he says one early conclusion that can be drawn from the farmers at four different venues in five days is that they are generally satisfied with the current farm law, but are concerned about the budget pressures that may prevent our ability from keeping current policy place. Congressman Lucas also claims that farmers are worried about the Administration wanting to de-emphasize the Commodity Title as the next farm bill is written.

We sat down and talked with Congressman Lucas about a variety of subjects, including Secretary Vilsack and his desire to promote Rural Development as a predominant part of the 2012 farm bill, the future of the CRP, Ethanol and a lot more. We ask the first few questions and then we are joined by colleague Jeff Nalley from Kentucky as we talk with Congressman Lucas.

Hear our full conversation from Wednesday, May 5 with Congressman Lucas on this special Ag Perspectives Podcast from our nation's capitol. Click [here](#) to take a listen.