

Reaction from Leaders of Oregon Agriculture Industry on Congressman Schrader's Work on 2014 Farm Bill

"Consumers, farmers and the American economy will benefit from Congressman Schrader's leadership on organic issues in the Farm Bill. He recognized that these historic provisions would promote consumer choice, options for farmers and strengthen the US agriculture sector. The organic industry, which now ranks as the fourth largest food and feed commodity in the U.S., has the opportunity to continue to thrive and these provisions will help. It's no longer us versus them in agriculture thanks to leaders like Kurt Schrader." - Laura Batcha, CEO and Executive Director of the Organic Trade Association

"I want to thank Congressman Schrader for all his tireless work on behalf of Oregon's nurseries and farmers throughout the Farm Bill process. He has been a tremendous partner, and through his efforts Congress included robust funding for specialty crops and plant and pest disease, which is critical to Oregon agriculture, particularly the nursery industry. Simply put -Congressman Schrader gets things done." - Jeff Stone, Executive Director of the Oregon Association of Nurseries

"The Oregon Farm Bureau commends Congressman Schrader for his work on the 2014 Farm Bill. Congressman Schrader's tireless efforts include a provision requiring consultation with USDA as well as a report to Congress regarding USDoL's abhorrent use of hot goods. His work over the past two years is why this bipartisan farm bill will provide Oregon's farmers and ranchers the access to critical programs and services that benefit Oregon's diverse agricultural production." - Barry Bushue, President of the Oregon Farm Bureau