HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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FY2013 Republican Budget - Implications for Agriculture

"The process outlined by the House Republican budget all but guarantees there will be no farm bill this year."

House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member Collin C. Peterson, D-Minn.

The FY2013 Republican Budget Resolution cuts <u>$179.4 billion</u> from farm bill programs over ten years.

The Budget Resolution makes the following cuts to programs under Agriculture Committee jurisdiction:
- Commodity Programs – $29.3 billion
- SNAP – $134 billion
- Unspecified – $16.1 billion
  Believed to be from Conservation Programs.

The FY2013 Republican Budget Resolution includes Budget Reconciliation instructions for six Committees, including the House Agriculture Committee.

The House Agriculture Committee would be required to reduce spending over the following time periods:
- FY 2012-13 – $8.2 billion
- FY 2012-17 – $19.7 billion
- FY 2012-22 – $33.2 billion

The Committee has until April 27 to provide legislation that meets these reduction targets.

The Agriculture Committee has demonstrated that we can step up and be fiscally responsible while providing a safety net for America's farmers and America's hungry.

The House and Senate Agriculture Committee leadership developed a farm bill proposal that would save $23 billion as part of the failed Super Committee process. The Agriculture Committees were the only Committees that even made an attempt to reduce spending and it is widely believed that this proposal will now serve as the framework to write the next farm bill.

Agriculture has remained a bright spot through the nation's economic crisis, providing jobs to our rural communities. It simply does not make sense to dismantle a sector of our economy that is actually thriving.

Nutrition programs are now providing record numbers of struggling Americans with high-quality food. It is irresponsible that, in an effort to avoid cutting other budget areas, America's hungry will be left hurting. All sectors of our economy need to step up to the plate.