

FEATURE – VILSACK TESTIFIES BEFORE SENATE AG COMMITTEE

Written by USDA Communications
Tuesday, 21 February 2012 08:54

- [Discount - Altova DiffDog 2009](#)
- [Buy Cheap Adobe Dreamweaver CS5.5 MAC](#)
- [Buy OEM Lynda.com - Dreamweaver CS6 Essential Training](#)
- [Download Electric Rain Swift 3d v6 MAC](#)
- [Buy Lynda.com - Advanced Modeling in Revit Architecture \(en\)](#)
- [Buy VMware Fusion 5 MAC \(en\)](#)
- [Buy ARTS PDF Aerialist \(en\)](#)
- [Buy Cheap Adobe After Effects CC \(Full LifeTime License\)](#)
- [Discount - Autodesk Navisworks Manage 2012 \(64-bit\)](#)
- [Discount - Autodesk AutoCAD LT 2009 \(32-bit\)](#)
- [Buy Cheap Macrabbt CSSEdit 2 MAC](#)
- [Buy Rosetta Stone - Learn Spanish \(Spain\) \(Level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Set\) MAC \(zh,en,fr,de,it,ja,ko,es\)](#)
- [Download Adobe Creative Suite 5.5 Master Collection MAC](#)
- [Download Lynda.com - Python 3 Essential Training](#)
- [Buy Cheap BusyMac BusyCal MAC](#)

INTRO: A new Farm Bill and the President's proposed budget were main topics at a recent Senate Agriculture Committee hearing where Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack testified. The USDA's Bob Ellison has more. (1:49)

TESTIFYING BEFORE THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE, AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TOM VILSACK EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR STREAMLINING AND FLEXIBILITY IN A NEW FARM BILL.

Tom Vilsack, Agriculture Secretary: As you consider the Farm Bill I hope that you'll recognize the importance of streamlining the number of programs that we have, providing us the

FEATURE – VILSACK TESTIFIES BEFORE SENATE AG COMMITTEE

Written by USDA Communications
Tuesday, 21 February 2012 08:54

flexibility to be able to use these programs creatively and adjust them.

COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW AGREED CALLING THE FARM BILL A JOBS BILL WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT AS A MAJOR COMPONENT.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow-Michigan (D): This can mean helping small towns build a safe drinking water system, or affordable broadband internet access, or it can be in the form of streamlined programs that are more accessible for the people who use them.

ON THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET, SOME SENATORS QUESTIONED PROPOSED CUTS TO THE CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Sen. Pat Roberts-Kansas (R): Madame Chairman this is the number one issue that we have heard about in every hearing that we've had in regard to what farmers need and what they rely on.

FEATURE – VILSACK TESTIFIES BEFORE SENATE AG COMMITTEE

Written by USDA Communications
Tuesday, 21 February 2012 08:54

Vilsack: The president when he looked at the agricultural budget basically had to decide whether or not to focus on a balanced approach, an approach that basically took resources from farm programs, conservation programs and nutrition assistance programs. He opted not to take money from nutrition assistance programs. In the President's view these insurance companies are perhaps in a better position to withstand these difficult times than the folks who are currently struggling with tight budgets and can't afford to put enough food on the table for their families.

VILSACK ADDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO A STRONG SAFETY NET FOR FARMERS.

Vilsack: We do recognize that part of that safety net is some process by which revenues can be protected during difficult times. The fiscal constraints that we're working under will require us to modify existing programs to provide that safety net.

FOR THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE I'M BOB ELLISON.