
March 4, 2009 - Murtha Recognized with "Friend of Farm Bureau" Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, was presented the "Friend of Farm Bureau" award today for supporting policies that help farmers maintain their profitability and increase global demand for American farm products.

The "Friend of Farm Bureau" award is given each session of Congress to Senators and Representatives who are nominated by their respective state Farm Bureau and approved by the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Board of Directors.

"On behalf of our more than 44,000 members, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) would like to thank Congressman Murtha for his support of agriculture and our rural families," said PFB President Carl T. Shaffer. Murtha was presented the award by PFB members from Cambria, Fayette, Somerset, and Westmoreland Counties.

The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau recognized Murtha's support for Pennsylvania's rural and farm families by his:

- Vote to over-ride a presidential veto on the Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act. The 2008 Farm Bill contains more provisions useful to PA farmers than any previous Farm Bill.

- Vote to support the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, which would increase U.S. agricultural exports to Peru by an estimated \$705 million per year.

- Vote to require the use of 36 billion gallons of ethanol and other renewable fuels by 2022.

- Support of the FY09 Agricultural Appropriations Act, which will provide emergency funding to farmers who experienced a 35 percent or more loss in crop or livestock production in counties declared natural disaster areas.

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