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Sorghum Chair Meets with Ag Secretary, Environment Administrator

NSP Chairman of the Board Gerald Simonsen, along with other commodity group leaders, was invited to a meeting today with Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson. The purpose of the meeting was to solidify relationships and open dialogues among the commodity groups that are so deeply impacted by agricultural and environmental issues.

"I think everything about this meeting was positive," said Simonsen. "It really opened the dialogue with our group and both Secretary Vilsack and Administrator Jackson seemed willing, anxious and eager to talk with us about issues that are affecting our farmers right now."

Simonsen said that the groups had frank discussions about sorghum's role in the RFS2 supplemental rule and that all seems to be proceeding smoothly. "Administrator Jackson broached the subject of the RFS2 and said that she knows EPA has unfinished business with sorghum and that they intend to take care of it quickly."

NSP Urges Passage of Ethanol Tax Credit Extenders

NSP joined Growth Energy, the Renewable Fuels Association, the American Coalition for Ethanol and ag commodity groups today signing a letter in support of the domestic biofuels industry and the bipartisan Renewable Fuels Reinvestment Act. This legislation, introduced by Representatives Pomeroy (D-N.D.) and Shimkus (R-Ill.), includes a number of provisions that are vital to the success and viability of the biofuels industry. The legislation would extend several tax credits which provide stability for the ethanol industry. This extension would ensure that American taxpayers are not subsidizing ethanol production in foreign countries.

"The net effect of allowing the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit (VEETC) to expire is to raise taxes on American consumers and motorists and cost hundreds of thousands of jobs, many of which are in rural communities that can least afford such a loss. Based on current U.S. fuel consumption, consumers would pay up to \$5.4 billion more at the pump each year if VEETC is not extended. Additionally, 112,000 Americans would be forced from their jobs and nearly two out of every five ethanol biorefineries operating today would be forced to shutter."

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