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Peterson announces House Ag Committee members

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On Thursday, House Agriculture Committee Chair Collin Peterson (D-MN) announced committee membership for the 111th Congress.

Reflecting the Democrats' increased majority in the House, the House Democratic Steering Committee named 28 members to the committee, including 11 freshmen members and 17 returning members. The House Republican Conference has named 17 Republicans to serve on the committee and has left one seat vacant. This new ratio of 28 Democrats to 18 Republicans compares with 25 Democrats to 21 Republicans in the last Congress, for a change of three seats.

“The Agriculture Committee is responsible for issues as varied as farm programs, commodity markets, nutrition, conservation, renewable energy, and rural development, so the diverse experiences of these members will bring new ideas and energy to our work on these important issues,” Chair Peterson said.

The 28 Democrats who will serve on the committee are:

- . Chair Collin C. Peterson of Minnesota
- . Rep. Tim Holden of Pennsylvania
- . Rep. Mike McIntyre of North Carolina
- . Rep. Leonard L. Boswell of Iowa
- . Rep. Joe Baca of California
- . Rep. Dennis A. Cardoza of California
- . Rep. David Scott of Georgia
- . Rep. Jim Marshall of Georgia
- . Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin of South Dakota
- . Rep. Henry Cuellar of Texas
- . Rep. Jim Costa of California
- . Rep. Brad Ellsworth of Indiana
- . Rep. Timothy J. Walz of Minnesota
- . Rep. Kirsten E. Gillibrand of New York
- . Rep. Steve Kagen of Wisconsin

- . Rep. Kurt Schrader of Oregon
- . Rep. Deborah L. Halvorson of Illinois
- . Rep. Kathleen A. Dahlkemper of Pennsylvania
- . Rep. Eric J. J. Massa of New York
- . Rep. Bobby Bright of Alabama
- . Rep. Betsy Markey of Colorado
- . Rep. Frank Kratovil, Jr. of Maryland
- . Rep. Mark H. Schauer of Michigan
- . Rep. Larry Kissell of North Carolina
- . Rep. John A. Boccieri of Ohio
- . Rep. Earl Pomeroy of North Dakota
- . Rep. Travis W. Childers of Mississippi
- . Rep. Walt Minnick of Idaho

The 17 Republicans (with one additional vacant seat) who will serve on the Committee are:

- . Ranking Member Frank Lucas of Oklahoma
- . Rep. Bob Goodlatte of Virginia
- . Rep. Jerry Moran of Kansas
- . Rep. Timothy V. Johnson of Illinois
- . Rep. Sam Graves of Missouri
- . Rep. Mike Rogers of Alabama
- . Rep. Steve King of Iowa
- . Rep. Randy Neugebauer of Texas
- . Rep. Virginia Foxx of North Carolina
- . Rep. K. Michael Conaway of Texas
- . Rep. Jeff Fortenberry of Nebraska
- . Rep. Jean Schmidt of Ohio
- . Rep. Adrian Smith of Nebraska
- . Rep. Robert E. Latta of Ohio
- . Rep. Phil Roe of Tennessee
- . Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer of Missouri
- . Rep. Glenn W. Thompson of Pennsylvania
- . one vacancy

The House Agriculture Committee has jurisdiction over a wide range of agriculture and rural development issues. These areas include renewable energy, disaster assistance, nutrition, crop insurance, conservation, international trade, futures market regulation, animal and plant health, agricultural research, bioterrorism, forestry, and others.

Congressman Peterson has served as chair of the Agriculture Committee since 2007.