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House Ag Committee releases stakeholder climate change input

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Agriculture Committee Chair Collin Peterson (D-MN) released responses Thursday to the Committee's climate change survey, including over 200 responses to the committee's detailed questionnaire.

Peterson said "The tremendous response to the Agriculture Committee's climate change survey demonstrates the real concerns and contributions that these organizations can offer in the discussion about climate change. The information we received from this survey will help us educate other members of Congress about the potential contribution and impact of climate change legislation on agriculture and rural communities."

In March 2009, the Agriculture Committee created the climate change questionnaire and distributed it to over 400 organizations to gather input on proposals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For years, farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners have been participating in agricultural programs that result in carbon reduction, and the goal of the questionnaire was to identify ways that these practices could be recognized and incorporated into climate change legislation. The questionnaire was sent to commodity, conservation, forestry, research, energy, business, and nonprofit interests and was also provided to the public.

The survey results are on the House Agriculture Committee website in two parts, at:
<http://agriculture.house.gov/inside/pubs/Questionnaire-P1.pdf>
<http://agriculture.house.gov/inside/pubs/Questionnaire-P2.pdf>