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PENCE CALLS FOR COMMON SENSE DROUGHT RELIEF

Asks Conferees to Target Relief for Farmers Most Affected

Washington, Feb 13, 2003 - WASHINGTON, DC – As conferees negotiate the remaining spending bills for Fiscal Year 2003, U.S. Congressman Mike Pence, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, urged Members of Congress to take a common sense approach to the $3.1 billion agricultural disaster provision that is part of the final negotiations.

“I join with many of my colleagues as we urge House and Senate conferees to direct disaster aid toward those farmers most affected by the drought,” said Pence. “Since weather-related disasters are not limited to certain regions of the country or specific crops, it only makes sense to target those most affected with the greatest aid.

“By using a targeted approach, the plan will not only help those with the greatest need, but also ensure greater fiscal responsibility,” said Pence.

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