Washington, DC—U.S. Congressman Mike Pence voted today in support of H.R. 6233, the Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act of 2012, which will provide disaster relief for Hoosier farmers impacted by the severe drought.

"Farmers across the Hoosier state are hurting because of this year's drought, and the Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act will bring much-needed relief to the heartland," said Pence. "This legislation will assist Hoosier farmers during this difficult time, and I am pleased to support it."

Background:
This legislation will provide disaster assistance for fiscal years 2012 and 2013. With most of the state of Indiana, and 64 percent of the contiguous United States experiencing some level of drought, this bill retroactively reauthorizes a number of disaster assistance programs that expired on September 30, 2011, including: Livestock Indemnity Payments (LIP); Livestock Forage Disaster Programs (LFP); Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP); Tree Assistance Program (TAP); and Assistance for Losses Due to Fire on Public Managed Land.