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## Dear Editors

Serving my first term in the U.S. Congress, I have worked hard to promote Colorado's agriculture industry and the farmers and ranchers that are its backbone. It is important for this paper's editors and readers that I serve to learn more about the issues that are critical to the state's economy and my work regarding agriculture in Congress.

Throughout my service as your Congresswoman, much of my time in Colorado has been spent meeting face-to-face with local agriculture producers in Larimer County, as well as visiting wheat fields throughout Logan, Morgan Prowers, Kiowa and Baca County, dairies in Northern Colorado, and helping residents across the state break through the red-tape at the Department of Agriculture.

This is all in addition to my service in Washington, where I serve as the only Colorado Republican on the Agriculture Committee. While serving on the Agriculture Committee, I have fought for the passage of drought relief legislation, engaged Agriculture Secretary Anne Veneman on the critical issue of BSE, as well as petitioned U.S. Trade Representative Allen Johnson on freer trade for Colorado Agriculture products in our global economy.

Alan Fouta of Colorado Farm Bureau, the state's largest agriculture organization, issued the following comments on my record after our recent meeting: "Colorado Farm Bureau knows we can turn to Marilyn

Musgrave and get results. In her first term in Congress, she has already secured a congressional hearing in Greeley to review the Endangered Species Act, worked with the United States Trade Representative to push for expanded agriculture trade, and delivered important funding for BSE research at CSU. Congresswoman Musgrave is in tune with the needs of Colorado Farmers and ranchers and is a solid voice for them in Congress."

In addition, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Bob Goodlatte (VA-06) recently remarked, "Marilyn is a tenacious advocate for the farmers and ranchers she serves in Colorado, and I witnessed this firsthand when I accepted her invitation to tour parts of her district earlier this year. In Colorado and in Congress, she fights hard on their behalf."

The agriculture industry is a key economic sector in Colorado that is effected by a variety of national public policies. I look forward to continuing my service through this session of Congress for the state's farmers and ranchers and fighting for them locally as well as in our nation's capital.

For a detailed account of my record on agriculture and other critical issues to Colorado, please feel free to contact my office or visit my website at [www.house.gov/musgrave](http://www.house.gov/musgrave)

Respectfully,  
Marilyn Musgrave,  
Member of Congress, Colorado's  
Fourth District