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Senator Baucus and Staff Recognized for Support of Wheat Industry



Great Falls - A Wheat Advocate Award, presented annually by the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) to members of Congress who have shown outstanding support of the wheat industry, was presented this week to Montana Senator Max Baucus by leaders of the Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA). Joining Baucus in receiving an award was his Agricultural Legislative Assistant Alexis Taylor, whose Friend of Wheat Award recognized her as a congressional staff member who has demonstrated support for the wheat industry above and beyond the norm.

“Senator Baucus and Alexis have worked tirelessly with us over the past year to develop farm policy that not only benefits Montana’s wheat industry, but wheat growers nationwide. We are fortunate to have an advocate whose voice in Congress is so highly respected and we appreciate the respect that Senator Baucus has for MGGA ,” said Ryan McCormick, MGGA President from

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Kremlin. “We will continue working together until we see the President’s signature on a long term farm bill.”

In recent farm bill negotiations, Senator Baucus has been the most vocal and stalwart proponent of a farm-level revenue program, a key component of NAWG and MGGA policy and a critical criteria in ensuring that a new revenue program will work for wheat growers. He was also a key negotiator in the estate tax and depreciation provisions that were included in the American Taxpayer Relief Act, priorities that have been extremely important to those in the agricultural industry.

Baucus is no stranger in being recognized for his efforts in support of the wheat industry. He was chosen as Wheat Leader of the Year in 2002, 2008 and 2011 and was named a Wheat Advocate in 2007, 2009 and 2010.

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