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Rep. Smith Discusses Farm Bill

The House and Senate versions of the Farm Bill will look much different, according to Nebraska Congressman Adrian Smith. During a recent public meeting near Crofton, Smith says farmers told him the Senate version would cover shallow losses under crop insurance, but they want the House to include catastrophic coverage. Smith says that will only happen with the current budget problems if farmers pay higher premiums. (play audio :21)

Farmers told Smith they support the Senate eliminating direct payments and target prices, but House Ag Committee Chairman Frank Lucas heavily criticized that. Smith says those programs will be tough to defend. (play audio :20)

Smith says while both chambers would like to pass a Farm Bill by fall, a short-term extension is possible until after the November election.

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