Pair in Pipestone to gather input and provide update on Farm Bill reauthorization

Pipestone, MN – Today, Reps. Tim Walz (D-MN) and Collin Peterson (D-MN) met with local leaders and farmers to gather input and provide an update on the 2012 Farm Bill reauthorization process. Peterson is the Ranking Member of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee. Walz sits on the committee as well.

“Our nation depends on our farmers for their food, fiber, and increasingly, their energy. Crafting and passing a Farm Bill in 2012 is critical for rural economic growth,” said Walz.
“The best farm and rural policy ideas come from people like you – farmers and ranchers and rural leaders who understand what policies work in our communities and what we can do to create greater economic opportunities for farm families.”

"In the six meetings I held with farmers across western Minnesota this past week, I received a lot of valuable feedback," Peterson said. **"I'm optimistic that the House and Senate Agriculture Committees will continue their bipartisan work so we can get a farm bill done in the coming months."**

Hearings on the 2012 Farm Bill began earlier this month and the bill is expected to be crafted later this summer.

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