

September 20, 2005

To : Mike Johannes  
United States Department  
Secretary of Agriculture  
From: Dwight Wise  
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Dear Secretary Johannes,

The safety net of \$5.00 dollars per bushel for soybeans, and \$2.00 dollars per bushel for corn is essential to be included in the 2007 Federal Farm program if the family farmer is to make enough profit to stay in business. Recent Federal Farm benefits are the major reason that many family farmers have any profit at all, and are able to remain on the farm.

A 20 % per-cent reduction of the safety net to \$4.00 dollars for soybeans and \$1.60 dollars fo corn, would result in a \$50,000 dollar reduction in gross receipts for a farmer who has 500 acres of 40 bushels per acre soybeans and 500 acres of 150 bushels per acre of corn.

There are very few family farmers who could stand this amount of loss in their operating statement. The present Federal Farm program is less than one per- cent of the total Federal budget. There should be no reason that the safety net in the present farm program should not be included in the 2007 farm program.

Included in this letter are the current prices of soybeans, corn, and wheat as indicated in the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Fremont, Ohio newspaper.

Sincerely  
*Dwight Wise*  
Dwight Wise

### Buying prices

Attica Corn Cash Bid	1.57	-0.25
Attica Corn New Crop	1.57	-0.25
Ballville Corn Cash Bid	1.60	-0.25
Ballville Corn New Crop	1.60	-0.25
Clyde Corn Cash Bid	1.68	-0.25
Clyde Corn New Crop	1.68	-0.25
Old Fort Corn Cash Bid	1.57	-0.25
Old Fort New Crop	1.57	-0.25
Ballville Soybeans Cash Bid	5.30	2.50
Ballville New Crop Soybeans	5.30	2.50
Clyde Soybeans Cash Bid	5.30	2.50
Clyde Soybeans Crop Soybeans	5.30	2.50
Attica, Old Fort Soybeans Cash Bid	5.35	2.50
Attica, Old Fort Crop Soybeans	5.36	2.50
Attica Wheat Cash Bid	2.84	1.50
Attica New Crop Wheat	3.36	0.50
Bellevue Wheat Cash Bid	2.84	1.50
Bellevue New Crop Wheat	3.36	0.50
Clyde Wheat Cash Bid	2.76	1.50
Clyde New Crop Wheat	3.28	0.50
Ballville Wheat Cash Bid	2.76	1.50
Ballville New Crop	3.28	0.50

Source: Country Spring Farmers Co-op

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**B. FAMILY FARM**

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A family farm is a unit using land and other capital investments, operated by a family operator and his or her family, who provide the management, take the economic risk and provide a vital part of the work and supervision of the unit.

~~C. FAMILY FARM CORPORATION~~

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