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Mr. Secretary

Farmers need a target price that is realistic to the parody level of what it costs to raise wheat. We are worse than depression era prices in comparison to our costs of production. My father once said to define parody; "When I was farming I could buy 8 pairs of coveralls with one bushel of wheat in comparisison today it would take 8 bushels of wheat to buy one pair of coveralls. We need a subsidy program that we can count on.

We have no control of commodity markets, or expenses such as diesel, gas, fertilizer or anyway to protect ourselves with surcharges like other businesses can because of skyrocketing fuel & fertilizer prices.

Our 10 year old Grandson won a Lincoln County essay contest for VFW subject "My Wish For America" Basically his message is Appreciate your farmers & help them survive, because it is they that provide our safe & abundant food supply. It is said a a child shall lead. Wake up!

Thankyou,
Linda & Jerry Meserve

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