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CONGRESSMAN ^{JOE}SKUBITZ AND I HAVE URGED AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE TO SPEED CROP FAILURE ASSESSMENTS UNDER THE DISASTER PAYMENTS PROGRAM FOR FARMERS.

THIS CHANGE WOULD PERMIT FARMERS TO USE WHATEVER CORN OR SORGHUM GROWTH THAT EXISTS FOR SILAGE OR FORAGE. THE PRESENT EVALUATION PROCEDURES REQUIRE DETAILED PRODUCTION OUTPUT ANALYSIS, AND BY THE TIME THEY ARE COMPLETED, THE CROP IS OFTEN TOO DRY TO BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE AND THE RESULT IS A TOTAL LOSS TO THE FARMER.

THE PROPOSAL SHOULD ALLOW FARMERS TO SALVAGE SOME VALUE FROM THEIR CROPS WHICH ARE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF FAILURE BECAUSE OF DROUGHT. ~~AND~~ IT WILL ALSO EXPEDITE DISASTER ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.