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WASHINGTON (October 17, 2011) -- National Corn Growers Association President Garry Niemeyer released the following statement in response to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees' proposed reductions in farm bill spending:

"NCGA appreciates the bipartisan work of the chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate Ag Committees to reach an agreement on farm bill spending reductions. Our farmers have previously stated we are willing to do our part to help reduce the deficit.

"The highest priority for NCGA is securing a strong crop insurance program. In addition, we support revenue-based risk management programs that address gaps not covered by crop insurance. This type of program would deliver assistance only when it is needed. Everyone must play a part to help with our nation's financial situation. America's corn farmers are pleased to see that the House and Senate Ag Committee leaders are taking responsible steps to meet that challenge."

Founded in 1957, the National Corn Growers Association represents 35,000 dues-paying corn farmers nationwide. NCGA and its 48 affiliated state organizations work together to create and increase opportunities for their members and their industry.