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**To:** Amy Bickel, Editor for *AgLand* and Agriculture Reporter for *The Hutchinson News*  
**Subject:** Senator Roberts Campaign Staff to Visit Local Farm

Amy,

Good afternoon. On Thursday, July 28, members of U.S. Senator Pat Roberts' legislative staff will visit our farm to speak with local farmers and ranchers about the 2018 Farm Bill. I would like to invite to you to be part of the tour and discussion.

As the Chairman of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, Senator Roberts will again be the lead author of the new legislation. Work is already underway and Roberts' legislative aids are visiting farms and ranches across the country to better understand issues and concerns of those impacted by various components of the bill. This will be the legislative team's only stop in Kansas.

According to the National Crop Insurance Service, the nearly \$500 million crop insurance program included in the 2014 Farm Bill has paid out nearly \$350 million to Kansas farmers over the past two years, impacting farms, communities and businesses. Debate among commodity groups and lobbying in Washington has already started and issues like crop insurance and labeling laws will likely be topics of great discussion.

Staff members plan to arrive at 1 p.m. Thursday and will tour our cattle facilities and farm ground. Following the tour, local farmers will gather at our home to answer questions from the staff and provide insight on what they would like to see included in the upcoming bill. The goal of the tour is to help Roberts' staff better understand the needs of Kansas farmers. Information from this and other farm tours will be used when writing and negotiating the new legislation.

You have covered all aspects of the agriculture industry, including the make up of the 2014 Farm Bill, and your readers look to you for insight on new issues and legislation affecting the industry. This will not only prove to be an insightful article for your readers but will allow you an opportunity to learn more about the process of creating legislation.

Senator Roberts' staff has approved the invitation of reporters and will be happy to answer any questions you may have at the conclusion of the tour. Please let me know if you will be able to attend. I look forward to having you on our farm.

Sincerely,

Katie Sawyer

# Farm Bill

# Impact



**\$489 million**

Total outlays in 2014 farm bill

Crop Insurance: 8%

Crop insurance is one of the most important pieces of the farm bill for Kansas farmers

**\$4.4 billion**

Liability or growing crops protected in Kansas by 2014 farm bill

**\$19 million**

Acres insured by the federal crop insurance program

**\$346 million**

Paid to farmers in indemnities for production and/or revenue losses