

# Agriculture Energy Alliance

*Representing agriculture as a producer and consumer of energy*

## *Press Release*

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Washington, DC – The Agriculture Energy Alliance applauds Congressmen John Peterson (R-PA) and Neil Abercrombie (D-HI) for their leadership in sponsoring an amendment to secure increased supplies of critically needed natural gas. The AEA is encouraged by yesterday's strong vote of support in the House to lift the 24-year old moratorium on natural gas exploration in the Outer Continental Shelf. The House Interior and Environmental Appropriations bill floor vote sends a signal that many members understand the need for increased supply of natural gas for critical use, such as agriculture.

The AEA will continue to work with leaders in the House and the Senate to open up areas in the Outer Continental Shelf for natural gas production.

The AEA represents a broad-based coalition of farm organizations and agribusinesses that face a crisis because of public policies that have created demand for natural gas while at the same time have restricted access to supply sources. The farm sector depends on significant amounts of natural gas for food processing, irrigation, crop drying, heating farm buildings and homes and production of crop protection chemicals and nitrogen fertilizers. Today, natural gas accounts for 90 percent of the cost of producing the most widely used nitrogen fertilizer, anhydrous ammonia.

**Agribusiness Association of Iowa**  
**Agribusiness Council of Indiana**  
**Agricultural Council of California**  
**Agricultural Retailers Assn.**  
**Agrilience, LLC**  
**Agrium Inc.**  
**Alabama Crop Management Assn.**  
**American Farm Bureau Federation**  
**American Plant Food Corporation**  
**American Soybean Assn.**  
**Arkansas Plant Food Assn.**  
**Ben-Trei Ltd.**

**Brandt Consolidated**  
**CF Industries**  
**CHS Inc.**  
**California League of Food Processors**  
**Chemical Industry Council of Illinois**  
**CoBank (CO)**  
**Colorado Farm Bureau**  
**Colorado Grain & Feed Assn.**  
**Crop Production Services**  
**CropLife America**  
**D.B. Western, Inc.—Texas**

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Delaware Maryland Agribusiness Assn.  
Diamond of California  
Far West Agribusiness Assn. (WA)  
Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Assn.  
Georgia Agribusiness Council, Inc.  
Georgia Feed & Grain Assn., Inc.  
GROWMARK, Inc.  
Hartung Brothers, Inc.  
Hawaiian Alliance for Responsible  
Technology & Science  
Helena Chemical Company  
Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Assn.  
Indiana Grain & Feed Association  
Indiana Plant Food & Ag Chemicals  
Assn.  
Intermountain Farmers Assn.  
International Chemical Corporation  
International Commodities Export Corp.  
International Raw Materials Ltd.  
Iowa Institute for Cooperatives  
JR Simplot Company  
Jim Hicks & Company  
Johnston Seed Company  
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Assn.  
Kansas Grain and Feed Assn.  
Land O' Lakes, Inc.  
Louisiana Ammonia Producers  
MFA Incorporated  
Mayo Fertilizer Inc.  
Michigan Agri-Business Assn.  
Minnesota Agri-Growth Council  
Minnesota Crop Production Retailers  
Missouri Ag Industries Council, Inc.  
Monsanto Company  
Montana Agricultural Business Assn.  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Barley Growers Assn.  
National Chicken Council  
National Corn Growers Assn.  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Grange  
National Renderers Association, Inc.  
National Sorghum Producers  
National Sunflower Assn.  
National Turkey Federation  
Nebraska Agri-Business Assn.

North Dakota Agricultural Assn.  
Northern Ag Suppliers, Inc.  
Oklahoma Ag Retailers  
Oregon Wheat Growers League  
Pennsylvania Assn. of Milk Dealers  
Plant Food Association of North  
Carolina, Inc.  
PotashCorp  
Rocky Mountain Agri-Business Assn.  
(CO)  
Society of American Florists  
South Carolina Fertilizer and  
Agrichemical Assn.  
South Dakota Agri-Business Assn.  
Southern Crop Production Assn. (GA)  
Southern States Cooperative, Inc.  
Tennessee Agricultural Production Assn.  
Tennessee Farmers Cooperative  
Terra Industries  
Texas Ag Industries Assn.  
Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council  
Texas Grain & Feed Assn.  
The Andersons, Inc.  
The Fertilizer Institute  
The McGregor Company  
The Mosaic Company  
3-D Fertilizer  
U.S. Canola Assn.  
USA Rice Federation  
United Suppliers, Inc.  
Virginia Crop Production Assn.  
Virginia Poultry Federation, Inc.  
W.B. Johnston Grain Company  
Washington Association of Wheat  
Growers  
Washington State Council of Farmer  
Cooperatives  
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Western Peanut Growers Association  
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Western Plant Health Association (CA)  
Wheeler Bros. Grain and Fertilizer Co.  
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(MD)  
Wisconsin Fertilizer and Chemical Assn.