US Rice Producers Association Lends Its Support to Chairman Thompson's Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024

On behalf of the US Rice Producers Association, Neal Stoesser, rice farmer from Raywood, Texas and USRPA chairman, issued the following statement on the introduction of the House Agriculture Committee Chairman Glenn "GT" Thompson's Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 (aka the 2024 farm bill):

"Rice farmers play a critical role in not only feeding America, but also the world, as half of U.S. rice production is exported. Unfortunately, high production costs, rising foreign subsidies, predatory trade practices, and natural disasters have exposed a dire need to update and improve the safety net provided by the farm bill. Thankfully, Chairman Glenn "GT" Thompson has heard these needs and crafted a farm bill to address them. "

"As Chairman of USRPA, representing rice producers from Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas, I would like to thank Chairman Thompson, members of the House Agriculture Committee, and the staff who spent countless hours of work developing this bill. Provisions included in the Commodity, Trade, and Conservation Titles are of huge importance to the rice industry. This is the first major legislative step towards the enactment of the 2024 farm bill. We stand ready to continue to work with Chairman Thompson and all congressional leaders to make this shared goal a reality this year. Chairman Thompson's Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 merits lawmakers' strong support."

The US Rice Producers Association, representing rice producers in Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas, is the only national rice producers' organization comprised by producers, elected by producers and representing producers in all six rice-producing states.