

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1034

By: Begley, Widener, Leist,  
Voskuhl, Taylor, Glover  
and Maddux of the House

and

Williams (Don) of the  
Senate

A Concurrent Resolution urging the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance to weather-impacted winter wheat areas of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma historically has maintained its rank of No. 2 among the states in the value of production in winter wheat; and

WHEREAS, already plagued with parched fields and drought-baked wheat, a dearth of hail damage and hard freezing temperatures has had a tremendous toll on this year's crop of winter wheat; and

WHEREAS, a recent rating of the Oklahoma winter wheat crop by the Oklahoma Agricultural Statistics Services rated the winter wheat crop of Beaver, Cimarron, Texas, Harmon and Harper Counties as either "poor" or "very poor" and that of Ellis, Roger Mills, Woodward, Beckham, Greer and Woods Counties at risk; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that seventy percent to one hundred percent of the production of winter wheat in northwest and west Oklahoma has been lost; and

WHEREAS, because of this, the winter wheat farmers in the Oklahoma panhandle and northwestern Oklahoma are facing disaster conditions and winter wheat farmers in western Oklahoma are at risk; and

WHEREAS, all of these factors justify an immediate response from the Federal Crop Insurance Program and necessitates other disaster relief measures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to immediately begin appraising the damage to Oklahoma's winter wheat crop so that winter wheat producers can salvage some of the crop and minimize their losses.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the U.S. Department of Agriculture to authorize the haying and grazing of lands in the Conservation Reserve Program.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the U.S. Department of Agriculture to immediately authorize haying and grazing of land in the Acres Conservation Reserve (ACR) and Conservation Uses (CU) for pay programs rather than waiting for the required date of June 1st.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the U.S. Congress and the Administration to extend the provisions of any other available disaster assistance program to winter wheat producers who are currently experiencing devastating and catastrophic losses.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor of this state, to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 27th day of April, 1995.

of Speaker of the House

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Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1995.

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