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Veterans Return To House Agriculture Committee For Important Deliberations

San Diego, California – January 19, 2011. The California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) congratulates Congressman Frank Lucas (R-OK) as the next Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture.

“As a veteran lawmaker Congressman Lucas has in-depth knowledge of the diverse needs of agriculture throughout the U.S. and that will be critical as deliberations continue on the next farm bill that needs to be reauthorized by September 2012,” said CACASA President Robert Atkins.

California is fortunate that three veteran lawmakers return to the House Committee on Agriculture to work with Chairman Lucas and include; Congressman Dennis Cardoza (D-Merced), Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) and Congressman Joe Baca (D-Rialto). “California is incredibly fortunate to have such experienced members returning to the Agriculture Committee and championing California’s \$36 billion agriculture industry,” added Atkins. Their continued leadership will be needed as the Farm Bill provisions are set to expire at the end of September 2012.

CACASA looks forward to working with members of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee in the 112th Congress to ensure a safe, healthy and vibrant U.S. food system.