
WASHINGTON, D.C.— Rep. E. (Kika) de la Garza (D-Tex.), Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said Thursday that farmers should take a harder look at purchasing crop insurance this year since the federal government may not be able to afford another drought assistance bill like the one passed in 1988.

De la Garza said that his recent trips to farming areas around the country lead him to fear that drought conditions in some parts of the country are continuing into

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1989, portending of another difficult year for agriculture. De la Garza spoke Thursday morning after a special weather briefing for the House Agriculture Committee by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief meteorologist.

De la Garza had also raised the specter of continued drought conditions during his opening remarks at the House Agriculture Committee's organizational meeting earlier this month. He warned that it may be an issue "forced upon us again." But de la Garza, who guided the 1988 drought assistance bill through the House, is concerned that current budgetary pressures will make it extremely difficult to pass special drought assistance legislative in 1989. De la Garza said:

"As farmers prepare for planting this year, their planning decisions should include every possible moisture-saving measure, the utilization of drought-resistant plant varieties, and a serious look at crop insurance.

"Farmers need to keep in mind that their croplands and pastures aren't the only thing that is dry. Federal funds to aid farmers in these situations are drying up as well.

"We realized this last year, and that's why the House-passed version of the drought bill would have required all recipients of drought aid to sign up for crop insurance this year, with some exceptions. (Note: The House-Senate conference agreement sent to the president modified that to require crop insurance for only those who sustained losses greater than 65 percent.)

"My advice to farmers is this: sign up for crop insurance. Given the budget situation, the only thing riskier than betting on the weather is betting the federal government will be able to come to the rescue again."



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