

## Agriculture

### Standing Up for Farmers

Farming has been a way of life in Louisiana for centuries. It is important that we preserve agriculture in Louisiana and in America so that there will always be a healthy supply of domestic food.

One of the first votes that I took in Congress was in support of the Farm Bill, or the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act (H.R. 2419). The Farm Bill gives farmers the support they need to keep our food prices low and food supply plentiful. It was strongly supported by the Louisiana Farm Bureau.

Specifically for Louisiana, the Farm Bill increases the sugar loan rate from 18 cents to 18.75 per raw pound, the first such increase in over 20 years. It also invests in biofuels by putting over \$1 billion into new technologies that create biofuel from crop byproducts, which are not sources of food.

The Farm Bill begins to move away from commodity subsidies and lowers the income cap for which farmers can receive subsidies. 75% of the bill goes to nutrition programs that help 38 million Americans afford healthy food, which is good for both farmers and the American people.