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Musgrave receives wheat award

Congresswoman honored by National Association of Wheat Growers

Last week, Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04) was recognized as a 2005 Wheat Advocate for her success in advocating for wheat growers in the U.S. Congress. This is the highest award was given by the National Association of Wheat Growers.

In 2005, the Congresswoman took many steps to help advance the issues facing wheat growers in Colorado and around the nation. In August, she got her hands in the dirt and met face-to-face in the field with farmers during her annual tour of Colorado wheat farms. Last Spring, in addition to funding she previously obtained, Musgrave secured \$306,000 for Russian Wheat Aphid Resistance research for development of varieties of wheat that have improved heat and drought stress tolerance.

"It is an honor to receive this award and I appreciate the recognition for my efforts to help Colorado wheat growers," said Musgrave. "Standing up for my rural district is important because out of the hundreds of Representatives, only a small fraction serve agricultural areas. Wheat is one of



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The National Association of Wheat Growers was founded

in 1950 by a handful of growers from across the country in order to solve common problems and enhance the future of America's wheat producers. This award is given to Representatives that go above and beyond the ordinary in Congress for wheat growers.