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-- C-SPAN PRESENTS AGRICULTURE SPECIAL --

Programming Examines Farm Legislation In The 100th Congress --

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- C-SPAN offers cable viewers a look at agriculture legislation in the 100th Congress on Wednesday, April 15.

Beginning at 4:30pm EDT, C-SPAN devotes over three hours of programming to the major agricultural issues facing the nation and public policy makers. Live Call-In programs and interviews will focus on federal spending for farm commodity programs and recent attempts to restructure these programs, as well as a look at the state of farm lending institutions.

At 4:45pm EDT, a roundtable discussion with members of the House Agriculture Committee -- Reps. Glenn English (D-OK), Dan Glickman (D-KS), Arlan Stangeland (R-MN), and Pat Roberts (R-KS) -- examines the prospects for farm programs and spending expected to come before Congress as part of the FY '88 budget. At 5:30pm EDT, farm lobbyists discuss their groups' reactions to recent legislative proposals aimed at changing agriculture programs. At 7:15pm EDT, C-SPAN wraps-up its programming package with a live Call-In program featuring Peter Myers, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. Secretary Myers will answer questions about Reagan administration proposals to cut agriculture spending this year.

C-SPAN's program schedule for the Agriculture Special is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15		
4:30pm EDT	Taped	C-SPAN INTERVIEW Guest: Geoffrey Becker, Specialist, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Congressional Research Service
4:45pm EDT	Taped	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Rep. Glenn English (D-OK) Rep. Arlan Stangeland (R-MN) Rep. Dan Glickman (D-KS) Rep. Pat Roberts (R-KS) Topic: Prospects for farm programs in Congress this year
5:30pm EDT	Taped	C-SPAN INTERVIEW Guests: John Datt, Washington Office Director, American Farm Bureau Federation Charles Frazier, Washington Office Director, National Farmers Organization Topic: How should farm spending be cut?
6:00pm EDT	LIVE	VIEWER CALL-IN PROGRAM David Rapp, Agriculture Reporter, Congressional Quarterly
6:30pm EDT	LIVE	VIEWER CALL-IN PROGRAM Robert Bergland, Agriculture Secretary in the Carter Administration Topic: Current proposals to change farm programs

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

7:15pm EDT

LIVE

VIEWER CALL-IN PROGRAM

Peter Myers, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture
Topic: Reagan administration proposals to cut
farm program spending this year.

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