

Montana Cattlemen's Association

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MONTANA'S JUNIOR SENATOR JON TESTER **INTERVIEWED FOR CATTLEMEN'S MINUTE**

Billings, MT ~ Montana's Junior Senator, Jon Tester, was the guest for Cattlemen's Minute this past week. While in Montana for the Easter recess, Senator Tester spent a few minutes visiting with MCA Executive Director Jeremy Seidlitz about the Farm Bill, Country-of-Origin Labeling, and living in Washington D.C.

When asked how a farmer from Montana's Golden Triangle fits into Washington D.C., Senator Tester noted, "Well I bring a little different perspective being someone who has my hands in the dirt making a living off of the land. I've got an agricultural background from a generational standpoint, and we bring that perspective to the floor of the Senate every day we walk in."

When asked to comment on how the Farm Bill will affect cattle producers, Senator Tester responded, "Country-of-Origin Labeling was passed, and was supposed to be enacted in September of 2004, but they did not fund it. And I think that there is a real push to get that funded this time, I think that it will be funded, and I think that it is going to be part of the Farm Bill."

The complete interview is available on the website www.montanacattlemen.org.

"On behalf of the Montana Cattlemen's Association I would like to express our appreciation to Senator Tester and his staff for making the arrangements to participate in the Cattlemen's Minute interview," said MCA President Brett DeBruycker. "As the 2007 Farm Bill is being crafted, Montanan's are fortunate to have a Senator who knows agriculture."

For more information about "Cattlemen's Minute," or the Montana Cattlemen's Association please visit the website www.montanacattlemen.org or e-mail Jeremy Seidlitz at js@montanacattlemen.org.

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