

## Mahoney Meets with Farmers and Ranchers to Discuss 2007 Farm Bill

(Fort Pierce, FL) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) recently held a Farm Bill advisory meeting with Florida farmers and ranchers. Mahoney, who is the only Florida Congressman currently on the House Agriculture Committee, called the meeting to discuss the upcoming 2007 Farm Bill. Mahoney is working to make sure that Florida, which is the 8th largest agricultural state in the country, has a seat at the table as the Farm Bill is written. Alto "Bud" Adams hosted the meeting at his ranch.

"We haven't had a Farm Bill in five years and this is a tremendous opportunity for Florida. Our farmers and ranchers have some of the richest land in the country. They have the opportunity to become one of the leading producers of cellulosic ethanol, which can be made from citrus, and other non-cord products. I am working to expand Florida farmers' participation in the alternative energy market, make sure our farmers can participate in USDA conservation programs, and encourage research into treatment for devastating plant and animal diseases impacting our state," said Congressman Tim Mahoney.

Those who attended the meeting included:

Alto "Bud" Adams, Jr., Adams Ranch

Bill Phares, Phares Cattle Company, Okeechobee Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lott, Venus Florida

David Bridges, Senior Vice President, Farm Credit

Peter Harris, Adams Ranch

Robbie Adams, Adams Ranch and Photography

Cindy Adams, Adams Ranch

Dorothy Adams, Adams Ranch

Matt Wynne, Wynne Ranch & Cattle Company

Wes Williamson, Williamson Cattle Ranch Okeechobee

Grace and Bill Bryant, Fort Pierce Ranchers

Jim Handley, Executive Vice President of the Florida Cattlemen's Association

Dr. Calvin Arnold, USDA

Brad Culverhouse, Attorney at Law

Rick Minton, Former State Representative, O.R. Minton Citrus

Ron O'Connor, Central Florida Farm Credit

Mike Milicivec, Lykes Bros Inc.

H.M. Ridgely III, Evans Properties, Inc.

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