

Delta Council (5/24/01)

Policy Points for Governor with Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman

- Develop a fairer Federal Farm Bill in 2002 that supports our family farms and provides better opportunities for our farmers to succeed;
  - (Governor should ask to be involved in the development of the 2002 Farm Bill).
- Increase funding for biotechnology research, especially for crop production and pharmaceuticals;
- Expand of overseas markets for agricultural trade, including Cuba; and,
- Increase research funding for biomass energy production.
  - Biomass is organic nonfossil material of biological origin constituting a renewable energy source (i.e., waste wood products, sugar cane bagasse, animal wastes, ethanol, biogas from landfills and sewage treatment facilities).

John

These are my thoughts on this...

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