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**Vilsack to Speak to Corn Belt Farmers August 5th
Resilient Agriculture Conference in Ames, Iowa**

AMES, Iowa... U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack will address farmers and others attending the Resilient Agriculture Conference on Tuesday, August 5th, at 10:30 a.m. Central Standard Time, via live remote from D.C. to Ames, Iowa, at the Gateway Conference Center, Garden Room. Media may attend the press conference in-person or online. Media wishing to attend online must pre-register to receive the link to the live-stream. Comments also will be made by Wendy Wintersteen, dean of the College of Agriculture at Iowa State University; Lois Wright Morton, director of the Sustainable Corn Project; and Ernie Shea, project coordinator for the 25x'25 Alliance.

WHO: U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack

WHAT: Press Conference

WHEN: August 5th, 10:30 a.m. CST

WHERE: Online and Gateway Conference Center
2100 Green Hills Drive
Ames, Iowa

REQUIRED: Media wishing to hear Secretary Vilsack's remarks online must pre-register for the press conference **BY MIDNIGHT AUGUST 1st** at <http://bit.ly/1mZhjLY>, media code: CSCAP. You will be emailed the link and press packet prior to the press conference. No need to register if you are attending the press conference in-person.

The full conference, August 5-7, is co-sponsored by the USDA's [Sustainable Corn Project](#) which is working to identify ways to build greater resiliency into corn-based cropping systems, in response to the effects of climate change in the Corn Belt, such as a longer growing season and extreme rain events. At the conference, project scientists will share their findings and a panel of farmers from four different states in the Midwest will talk about what they have done on their farms to build resiliency into their operations. Farmers also will participate in hands-on activities in the field to increase their understanding of the practices being researched and to learn how to use new decision support tools. More about the full conference at www.sustainablecorn.org.

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