



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Urges Congress to Support Farmers, Take Action on STRESS Act

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### **REP. TOM EMMER:**

Mr. Speaker, in my home state of Minnesota, agriculture is one of the primary drivers of our economy. And right now, farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers across the country are looking to Congress for a strong farm bill that improves the farm safety net and brings certainty to producers in uncertain times. Because life on the farm isn't what it used to be. Today, farmers are suffering some of the worst rates of suicide in the country. General social isolation, downturn of the markets, low farm income, regulatory strains and the lack of treatment options all make it hard for farmers to get the help they need. That's why I introduced the Stress Act to boost resources specifically for farmers' mental health. With the support of Chairman Conaway and the House Agricultural Committee, I'm proud to see it included in this year's farm bill. Our farmers who feed the world are feeling the weight of the world on their shoulders. It's time we get them the help and care they deserve.

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