Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King toured the damaged pasture and row crop fields at the Utesch farm on Saturday, August 4th. The Utesch family has a diversified farming operation consisting of a cow calf herd, a beef feedlot and row crops.

Congressman Steve King with the Utesch brothers- Craig and Brad, in front of the chopper while reviewing the drought impact at Triple U Ranch.

"I would like to thank the Utesch family for allowing me to get an on the ground look at the effects of this record breaking drought," King said. "I travel through the Iowa countryside nearly every week and I have watched as this summer's dry weather has taken its toll on our crops and pastures. It's helpful to get a better perspective on the situation by discussing the issue with producers as they adjust their operations to cope with the drought. This tour only deepened my belief that we need a Farm Bill to give our nation's farmers the predictability and stability in Washington, especially during this historic drought.

The Utesch family, like all Iowa families, is resourceful and resilient, they will work through this disaster and I will continue to support practical policies and common sense solutions at the Federal level to assist them."