

Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement after House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas (R-OK) announced King was chosen to serve as the Subcommittee Chairman of the Department Operations, Oversight, and Nutrition Subcommittee for the 113th Congress:

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as Subcommittee Chairman of the Department Operations, Oversight, and Nutrition Subcommittee within the House Agriculture Committee, and I look forward to continuing to work with Chairman Lucas," said King. "I have been a member of the Agriculture Committee since I first came to Congress, and I see representing such an agriculturally focused district as a privilege. My district is one of the leading agricultural production districts in America. The new 4th district will lead the nation in egg and pork production and will be near the top in corn and soybean production. It will also rank first amongst all 435 congressional districts in ethanol and total renewable energy production. It is important for this intensely agricultural district to have more oversight in USDA programs that affect our entire nation.

During my time as a contractor it was mandatory that to be successful I had to make sure every dollar achieved the most bang for the buck. As Oversight Chairman I will work to apply those same principles to the tax dollars that fund the programs under the jurisdiction of my subcommittee. Iowa's voice on agriculture will be stronger with this new appointment," said King.

"Rep. King is a strong leader and I'm pleased to have him chair the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Nutrition. I look forward to working with him in this new leadership role on behalf of America's farmers and ranchers," said Chairman Frank D. Lucas of Oklahoma.