

Subject: Agriculture and Terrorist Attacks

Story Summary: Farmers stand united with the rest of the nation. Agricultural economist expects no significant impact on Agricultural trade from war on terrorism.

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Suggested Lead: While U.S. troops are being deployed in the war on terrorism, many farmers are in the fields harvesting crops. Those commodities might play a role in our diplomacy, but otherwise farm exports should be little affected. Stewart Truelsen reports.

Suggested Supers: Washington County, Indiana
@ :02

David Lee
Indiana Farmer
@ :12

Aaron Lee
Indiana Farmer
@ :24

Terry Francl
American Farm Bureau Federation
@ :42

Stewart Truelsen
Reporting
@ 1:21

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Stewart Truelsen Reporting
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<p>Soybeans close-up/ Two combines/ Close-up of header/ Father and son standing/ Washington County, Ind.</p>	<p>VO/ WITH CROPS TO BRING IN, AMERICAN FARMERS COULDN'T PAUSE FOR LONG IN THE WAKE OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS, BUT THEY STAND SOLIDLY WITH THE REST OF THE NATION.</p>
<p>David Lee Indiana Farmer</p>	<p>SOT/ IT'S BROUGHT THE PEOPLE TOGETHER ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, THE RURAL COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS THE CITIES. PEOPLE HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF PATRIOTISM, I THINK.</p>
<p>Flags/ Aaron Lee Indiana Farmer</p>	<p>SOT/ THE FLAGS ARE WAVING EVERYWHERE. IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE THAT. I'VE HEARD GOD BLESS AMERICA MORE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS THAN I HAVE HEARD MY WHOLE LIFE, AND I THINK THAT'S WONDERFUL BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE GOD'S BLESSING HERE IN THIS COUNTRY.</p>
<p>Driving shots alongside combine/ AFBF headquarters in Park Ridge, Ill./</p>	<p>VO/ FARMERS ARE BLESSED WITH GOOD CROPS. THEY'RE COUNTING ON EXPORTING SOYBEANS AND OTHER COMMODITIES. THAT SHOULDN'T CHANGE MUCH, ACCORDING TO AN AMERICAN FARM BUREAU ECONOMIST.</p>
<p>Terry Franci American Farm Bureau Federation</p>	<p>SOT/ WE HAVE VERY LITTLE TRADE WITH COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OR WHERE THE TERRORISTS MAY BE LOCATED. ONLY ABOUT 5 PERCENT, FURTHERMORE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN</p>

	<p>THAT AREA THAT WE HAVE SANCTIONS WITH ALREADY. THAT INCLUDES COUNTRIES LIKE IRAQ, IRAN, SYRIA, LIBYA, SO WE HAVE NO TRADE WITH THEM.</p>
<p>Dumping soybeans into grain wagon,</p>	<p>VO/ THERE MAY EVEN BE AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR FOOD EXPORTS IN GAINING OTHER COUNTRIES' SUPPORT.</p>
<p>Francl soundbite</p>	<p>SOT/ WE HAVE MANY FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS THAT COULD BE USED IN PART OF THIS WAR ON TERRORISM. SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES HAVE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS WITH FOOD AND FOOD SUPPLIES.</p>
<p>Aaron Lee, wife and child in combine/ Stewart Truelsen Reporting</p>	<p>VO/ FARMERS ALSO WILL DO THEIR PART IN THE HOMELAND DEFENSE BY BEING MORE VIGILANT.</p>
<p>Aaron Lee soundbite</p>	<p>SOT/ IT'S SCARY. I'VE THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT MY FAMILY AND WHERE THEY ARE AT ALL TIMES OF COURSE, AND YOU THINK ABOUT THINGS THAT YOU USED TO TAKE FOR GRANTED.</p>
<p>Flag on pole of rural home/ Combine moving across field/</p>	<p>VO/ IN SOUTHERN INDIANA WHERE THE FLAGS PROUDLY WAVE, I'M STEWART TRUELSEN.</p>