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Sen. Rob Mayer Hosts “Rice Day” Event at Capitol Office

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, was pleased to host on Wednesday, May 3, more than 300 people for a “Rice Day” lunch at his Capitol office.

The gathering included senators, staff, members of the agriculture community and other visitors. Those in attendance were treated to lunches made with two varieties of Missouri-grown rice — jasmine and long-grain white rice. Rice was provided by Sonny Martin of Sonny Martin Farms in Bernie, Mo.

“I would like to thank all those who stopped by to enjoy the good food provided by Missouri farmers,” Mayer said. “And I want to give a special thanks to everyone at Sonny Martin Farms, Gary Murphy of Bernie, and the Missouri Rice Research and Merchandising Council for allowing us to host this special day.”

Missouri is the sixth-largest rice-producing state in the United States, with more than 193,000 acres planted in 2004. There are an estimated 250 to 350 rice producers in Missouri, and they work almost exclusively in Southeast Missouri.

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Above: Pictured, from left, are Greg Yielding of the U.S. Rice Producers Association, Gary Murphy of Bernie, Sen. Robert Mayer, and Sonny Martin of Sonny Martin Farms. A JPEG of the image is attached. If you have trouble with the photos, contact Senate Communications at (573) 751-3824 or twarren@senate.mo.gov.

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Senator Robert Mayer represents the people of Wayne, Ripley, Butler, Stoddard, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Dunklin counties in the Missouri Senate.