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## Senator Chuck Purgason to Host Meeting in West Plains on Emerging Agriculture Issues

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Chuck Purgason, R-Caulfield, will host the Missouri House of Representatives Interim Committee on Emerging Issues in Agriculture at the West Plains Civic Center at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14. The public is invited.

Senator Purgason — a member of the Senate Agriculture, Conservation, Parks and Natural Resources Committee — will bring together legislators and many of the state's top agriculture groups from the cattle, poultry and dairy industries to discuss agriculture issues affecting Missourians across the state. The group will also analyze the impact the current agriculture policy has on Missouri farmers and the state's multi-billion dollar agriculture industry.

"This is opportunity to learn more about the issues affecting our agriculture community and to hear firsthand from Missouri's agricultural producers what we can do from a policy perspective to help our hard-working Missouri farmers," Sen. Purgason said. "With the dramatic increase in grain prices, our cattle and hog farmers are struggling right now and we need to explore this and other pressing issues so we can ensure our farmers remain profitable and thrive in the future."

This is the fourth meeting of the interim committee and the second meeting held outside of the state Capitol.

Who: Sen. Chuck Purgason and members of the Interim Committee on

**Emerging Issues in Agriculture** 

Where: West Plains Civic Center, 110 Saint Louis St, West Plains, MO

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When: Tuesday, October 14, at 1 p.m.