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**CALIFORNIA RICE INDUSTRY APPLAUDS HARD WORK OF
CONGRESSWOMAN DORIS MATSUI ON THE 2007 FARM BILL**

SACRAMENTO, CA – As Congress prepares to recess for its August district work period, the California Rice Commission released the following statement today concerning the diligent work of local Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-Sacramento) to secure passage of the 2007 Farm Bill.

“As members of Congress prepare to return home for the month of August, the California Rice Commission applauds the hard work and leadership of Representative Matsui on the Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007. The Commission appreciates the diligent efforts of the Congresswoman and in particular her efforts to ensure a viable safety net for California’s hardworking rice producers.

“The California rice industry greatly appreciates the leadership and strong support shown by Congresswoman Matsui in the Farm Bill debate,” commented Frank Rehmann, a rice producer based in Live Oak, and Chair of the California Rice Commission. “We also recognize that this is just the beginning for work on the Farm Bill.”

California is the nation’s second-largest rice growing state in the U.S. Each year, California rice producers plant and harvest over 500,000 acres of rice, contributing a half-billion dollars to the economy and providing habitat and fodder for 235 species of wildlife along the Pacific Flyway. The California Rice Commission represents the 2,500 growers and handlers who farm and process rice in the state annually.

For more information about the California Rice Commission and the California rice industry, go to www.calrice.org.

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