

Markey honored for support of agriculture

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National Farmers Union recently presented Congresswoman Betsy Markey with the 2009 Golden Triangle Award, the organization's highest legislative honor. The award was presented to Rep. Markey for demonstrating leadership on issues relevant to America's family farmers, ranchers and rural communities.

"It's a tremendous honor to receive this award," said Rep. Markey. "It is critical that our rural communities and rural economies have a strong voice in Washington, and I will continue to be a tireless advocate for them. I am committed to serving Colorado's farmers and ranchers and to keeping America's agricultural heritage strong."

"Congresswoman Markey has demonstrated a commitment to developing constructive solutions to address the challenges facing those in rural America while also looking for creative opportunities for the future," NFU President Roger Johnson said.

Rep. Markey was selected for her leadership on a variety of issues, including: her work to address the crisis in the dairy industry, her support for energy legislation, her efforts to increase transparency and oversight of commodity markets, her support for increasing the use and production of renewable fuels and increasing competition in the marketplace.

The Golden Triangle Award is based on NFU's symbol—a triangle with "legislation" and "cooperation" forming the sides and "education" the base. The Golden Triangle Award has been presented annually since 1988.