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U.S. Supreme Court Denies Egg Lawsuit Against California

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The U.S. Supreme Court denied a petition by Missouri to hear a case against California by six states. Led by Missouri, the states sought to overturn a California law setting requirements for housing egg-laying hens. California voters approved the law in 2008, but Missouri, along with Nebraska, Oklahoma, Alabama, Kentucky and Iowa challenged the law. In 2015, the American Farm Bureau Federation said the law would have detrimental effects on the national egg market since California accounts for every one in eight eggs sold in the nation. Compliance costs were estimated to cost between \$25 and \$30 per hen at the time. The ruling reaffirms a November 2016 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision against the challenge, as well.

From the National Association of Farm Broadcasting News Service.

CONSERVATION STARTS WITH FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Audio with Author Miriam Horn

A speaker at an American Farm Bureau Federation conference this week says farmers and ranchers are the starting point of conservation and good stewardship. Micheal Clements has more...tape

Wrap #1 1:56 OC:...”Micheal Clements, Washington.”

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Suggested lead: Author and Environmental Defense Fund staffer Miriam Horn spent three years putting together the book *Rancher, Farmer, Fisherman: Conservation Heroes of the American Heartland*. She spoke at an American Farm Bureau Federation conference this week. The book, which was turned into a documentary, focuses on how farmers and ranchers work

to produce food on a large scale, while at the same time they work to protect and restore the soil, and protect air and water quality. Horn says she wrote the book to push back against the myth that the only people who care about conservation and good stewardship are environmentalists...tape

Cut #1 :19 OC:...”of heroes.”

She says farmers and ranchers are relentless when it comes to stewardship and conservation...tape

Cut #3 :17 OC:...”their soil.”

The documentary will premiere on the Discovery Channel August 31.