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- [Perdue Names His Special Assistant for Rural Development](#)
Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue has made his first major appointment at USDA. It's for the new Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development. (Gary Crawford, Anne Hazlett and Sec'y Sonny Perdue)

Newhouse: We've Got to Tell Our Story

Audio with Washington State Republican Representative Dan Newhouse

Suggested laed: While James Comey's testimony in before Congress last week was the talk of the town, it's not the only issue being discussed in DC.

Washington State Representatives Dan Newhouse says there are several key agriculture issues before law makers. One of the biggest concerns, the proposed budget reductions for the USDA's budget, which has met opposition from many rural lawmakers and ag groups alike.

Newhouse says the U.S. can't cut the federal budget at the expense of farmers. He adds it's important that the ag industry remains strong...tape

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Newhouse says he is currently working with other members of the Washington delegation to make sure the Trump administration understands how important agriculture is to Washington.