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## **FARMERS CALL ON CONGRESS FOR MUCH-NEEDED TAX REFORMS**

### **Audio with AFBF Vice President Scott VanderWal**

Scott VanderWal, a South Dakota farmer, presented the unique challenges farm and ranch businesses face to lawmakers Thursday. VanderWal, who is also vice president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, says tax reform is important for agriculture because taxes impact every decision on the farm...tape

Cut #1 :09 OC:...“together positively.”

In his testimony to the House Ways and Means Tax Policy Subcommittee, VanderWal told lawmakers that reducing the tax burden on farmers and ranchers would help improve their businesses...tape

Cut #2 :14 OC:...“in Congress.”

He says farmers and ranchers need to tell their lawmakers how the tax code affects their businesses...tape

Cut #3 :24 OC:...“very important.”

- [USDA Efforts To Support Private Forests' Sustainability](#)

What are some ways USDA agencies work with state counterparts and landowners to improve the sustainability and economic viability of private forest lands? (Rod Bain. US Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. Natural Resources Conservation Service Deputy Chief Jimmy