



RURALVOTES ON THE RECORD

North Carolina Farm & Food Facts Report

CONGRESSMAN ROBIN HAYES VOTED NO

Expanding Exports

North Carolina ranks 13th among states affected by agricultural export restrictions. More than \$13 million in potential business lost for North Carolina farmers, and additional potential economic output stemming from new farm trade estimated at \$98.8 million to the state's economy. *Source: Economic Impacts of U.S. Agricultural Exports to Cuba by Texas A&M University, 2002*



- ◆ Robin Hayes *voted against* allowing enhanced exports of agricultural products. *Source: HR 2419, 7/27/07, Roll call 749*

Country-of-Origin Labels

COOL is a marketing tool for American livestock producers to fend off imports of Canadian beef, some of which has been found to contain mad cow disease. A 2004 nationwide poll by the National Farmers Union found 85% of those surveyed would be more likely to buy U.S. labeled products.

- ◆ Robin Hayes *voted against* country-of-origin labels (COOL) for meat and meat products and he *voted against* COOL for fresh fruits and vegetables. *Source: HR 2744, 6/8/05, Roll call 231; HR2673, 7/14/03, Roll call 354; HR 2646, 10/5/01, Roll call 370*



Agriculture Research

In his first year in Congress, Robin Hayes voted to eliminate the entire \$10 million for the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service and the \$44.5 million for Agricultural Research Service (ARS) facilities.

Source: HR 1906, 6/8/99, Roll call 175

Farm Service Agency Offices

Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices are run by Tar Heel farmers elected to county committees and these key staffers perform a critical function administering crop and conservation programs.

- ◆ Robin Hayes backed a Bush administration plan to close more than 700 local USDA offices nationwide. Here in North Carolina, 26 of 77, more than a third, were targeted for closure. *Source: HR 2744, 10/20/05, Roll call 535*

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