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**“Crop insurance is a cornerstone of U.S. farm policy. Without crop insurance, there would be no multi-peril insurance for farmers, credit would freeze up, and U.S. taxpayers would be on the hook for both a credit crisis and any natural disasters that hit. This year alone, private crop insurance will cost-effectively protect over \$115 billion in liability.”**

*CIPA Chairman, William Cole*

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With the 2013 Farm Bill on the horizon, the Crop Insurance Professionals Association (CIPA) will continue to represent the interests of crop insurance agents and their producer customers in Washington, D.C.

- CIPA has an exclusive nationwide membership of crop insurance agents, spanning from California to Delaware and North Dakota to Texas.
- CIPA works effectively across the regulatory, legislative and political realms of Washington, D.C. while maintaining an unparalleled depth and breadth of knowledge about the entire crop insurance industry.
- CIPA has a 14-year history in supporting agents and their producer customers by working with policymakers in Washington, D.C. on important legislative and regulatory issues.
- CIPA maintains an active and growing Political Action Committee to support Members of Congress who understand how critical crop insurance and farming are to the economy.
- Being part of this member-driven organization ensures that your voice will be heard and promotes the exchange of information and ideas among agents and with producer groups, companies, and those who make policy.
- CIPA members receive regular newsletters and information from the leadership team, keeping them informed and up-to-date on issues of importance to the Federal Crop Insurance Program.

Representing CIPA in Washington, D.C. is Combest, Sell & Associates (CS&A), a seasoned team with a proven track record and a strong belief in the need for effective farm and crop insurance policies.

- **Larry Combest** is the former Chairman of the House Committees on Agriculture and Intelligence, and principle author of both the 2000 Ag Risk Protection Act (ARPA) and the 2002 Farm Bill
- **Tom Sell** (lawyer, former Congressional staff and USDA appointee), **Jeff Harrison** (former Congressional staff and principal lawyer on drafting of ARPA), **Judd Gardner** and **Trevor White** round out the team of policy professionals that implement CIPA's agenda in Washington, D.C.

At a time when crop insurance is under fire, we hope you will join fellow agents, farmers and lawmakers in rallying to its defense by joining CIPA and participating in its important work in Washington, D.C. For more information about CIPA, call any member of the CS&A team at (202) 544-5873 or visit [www.cipatoday.com](http://www.cipatoday.com) to lend your support to their efforts.

**“Over and over again we have heard from our farmers about the importance of crop insurance because it forms the backbone of the safety net.”**

*House Agriculture Chairman Frank Lucas*