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## **Congressman John Barrow Schedules Rural Listening Tour Town Hall Meetings in 11 Cities**

*Georgia Congressman will host his third annual tour to hear the concerns of local farmers and rural communities; discuss the upcoming Farm Bill*

12<sup>th</sup> District Georgia Congressman John Barrow (D-Savannah) has announced the schedule for his 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rural Listening Tour – with 11 stops planned between Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, in Waynesboro, Sylvania, Millen, Swainsboro, Claxton, Tennille, Sparta, Gibson, Louisville, Metter, and Vidalia

Every year since first taking office, Congressman Barrow has scheduled this tour as a way to hear first-hand the concerns and issues facing rural communities all across Georgia's 12<sup>th</sup> District. At this year's meetings, Barrow will discuss ongoing negotiations concerning the next Farm Bill – an important piece of legislation that will affect rural development, agricultural research, and the future of our family farmers for years to come. Barrow serves on the House Agriculture Committee, which has primary jurisdiction in writing the Farm Bill.

**The Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Congressman Collin Peterson (MN), will join Congressman Barrow at the tour's town hall meeting in Metter on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.**

All listening meetings on the tour are open to the public. Local residents are encouraged to stop by and share their questions and concerns with Congressman Barrow.

### **Tuesday, May 29, 2007**

5:30 PM

Burke County Listening Meeting

J.L. Glisson's Farm, 1191 Spread Oak Road, Waynesboro

### **Thursday, May 31, 2007**

8:00 AM

Screven County Listening Meeting

R&D's Restaurant, 1176 Burton's Ferry Highway (HW 301), Sylvania

12:00 PM  
Jenkins County Listening Meeting  
Jenkins County Agricultural Extension Center, 434 East Barney Avenue, Millen

4:00 PM  
Emanuel County Listening Meeting  
Emanuel County Farm Bureau, 320 Lambs Bridge Road, Swainsboro

**Friday, June 1, 2007**

8:00 AM  
Evans County Listening Meeting  
Evans County Courthouse Annex, Extension Classroom, 201 Freeman Street, Claxton

4:00 PM  
Washington County Listening Meeting  
Washington County Agricultural Center, 882 Grady Mertz Road, Tennille

**Saturday, June 2, 2007**

9:00 AM  
Hancock County Listening Meeting  
Sparta Public Library, 8984 East Broad Street, Sparta

12:00 PM  
Glascocock County Listening Meeting  
Glascocock County Farm Bureau, 47 East Main Street, Gibson

3:30 PM  
Jefferson County Listening Meeting  
Jefferson County Senior Citizens Center, 209 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Louisville

**Monday, June 4, 2007**

10:00 AM  
Candler County Listening Meeting  
Hendrix Produce Farm, Highway 129 South (3.5 miles S. of Metter on HWY. 129)

2:30 PM  
Toombs County Listening Meeting  
Toombs County Farm Bureau, 110 Commerce Way, Vidalia

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