

Claiborn Crain

House Agriculture Committee

Claiborn Crain has been an advocate for rural America for over 30 years, working in partnership with rural residents to find answers to the challenges they face on a daily basis. Mr. Crain currently serves as Senior Professional Staff the United States House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, chaired by the Honorable Collin C. Peterson of Minnesota. The 2007 farm bill will be the seventh farm bill he has been involved in its development and writing.

Before returning to the House of Representatives, Mr. Crain spent more than 12 years as an advisor to the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service for legislative and public affairs. He worked on a daily basis with the media, members of Congress and their staff, and the general public regarding the financing of rural infrastructure for electric, telecommunications, and water. During that time, he served as acting State Director for Rural Development in Texas.

Before coming to the Rural Utilities Service at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Mr. Crain worked for two U.S. Congressmen, The Honorable Graham Purcell and the Honorable Jack Hightower, both from the 13th Congressional District of Texas. He also served as a legislative staff member of United States Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota and as agriculture policy advisor to the honorable Mark White, Governor of Texas. He has served as Executive Vice President of an export development association of farmer owned cooperatives and the Agriculture Council of America.

A native of Texas, Mr. Crain worked for the Texas State Senate and served on the public affairs staff of a constitutional convention for the State of Texas. Mr. Crain received his education at West Texas State University (now West Texas A & M University) in Canyon, Texas. He is married to Carol Ayers Crain; they have two married children and two grandchildren.