



received MAP support that has produced a 41:1 return on every dollar spent. Washington's wine industry has also used MAP support to boost overseas sales. The Washington Wine Commission secured MAP investments that helped the commission bring around 65 international wine buyers to Washington state for tours, seminars and tasting. More than 15 countries are usually represented on this tour according to the Washington State Wine Commission. Participating wineries have developed export opportunities in Scandinavia, Canada and China. **Clean Plant Network:** The Farm Bill would also fully invest in the Clean Plant Network at \$60 million per year. The network provides pathogen-tested plant material for specialty crop growers to better protect their produce from disease and blight. Washington State University's Prosser Research and Extension Center is the main Northwest center for the Network. The Prosser site sends clean plant material to thousands of grape and hop farmers in Washington state to help increase crop yields. Cantwell has consistently supported these programs to help Washington state farmers and producers stay competitive. On July 8, 2012, Cantwell [joined](#) local farmers at a farmers' market in Seattle to highlight the benefits of the Farm Bill for Washington state. At today's event in Seattle, Cantwell was joined by Richard Conlin, Seattle City Councilmember; Angela Sheffrey Bogan, Principal of Dearborn Elementary; Wendy Weyer, Director of Nutrition Services at Seattle Public Schools; and Tim McGreevy, CEO of the USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council and chickpea farmer.