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***THE 2007 FARM BILL NOW HAS A CHANCE OF BEING A 2007  
FARM BILL AS THE SENATE TAKES UP THE DEBATE AND  
ACTION TOMORROW!***

Calls to Senators Brownback and Roberts are needed once more  
as we make one more push on the Senate side.

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See the message below from the Sustainable AG Coalition's Weekly Update "Action Needed" Section asking for calls urging support of three key amendments:

- **Support Dorgan-Grassley Payment Limits Amendment** - An amendment introduced on the floor of the Senate by Senators Byron Dorgan (D-ND) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA) is our last chance to reform these commodity payments and fund sustainable agriculture priorities. The Dorgan-Grassley amendment will put a hard cap of \$250,000 on commodity payments, close loopholes, and shift the savings to beginning and minority farmer, rural development, conservation, nutrition, and anti-hunger programs. It will be the major floor amendment on the Farm Bill and the vote count is expected to be very, very close. Every single vote will count.
- **Support Amendments Ensuring a Strong Livestock Title** - The full Senate will consider a bill that was reported out of the Senate Agriculture Committee and includes a Livestock Title with many significant reforms that are supported by sustainable agriculture and fair market advocates. Several amendments are expected to be offered that will add to or remove

some of these livestock market and contract reform provisions from the Livestock Title. Please call your Senators and tell them the amendments they need to support and which they need to oppose to ensure that we have a strong Livestock Title in the next Farm Bill.

- **Support Wyden-Harkin Amendment** - Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Tom Harkin (D-IA) have filed an amendment to the Senate farm bill to restore the ability of the Biomass Energy Crop Transition Assistance program to help groups of farmers come together and begin to grow biomass crops for energy, restore conservation measures removed from the Senate bill, and target the program to land where the establishment of perennial bioenergy crops will result in improved conservation performance. In short, the Wyden-Harkin Amendment helps ensure that the new generation of perennial bioenergy crops is grown sustainably.

Please go to the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition website at [www.sustainableagriculturecoalition.org](http://www.sustainableagriculturecoalition.org) for the supporting documents for each of these key points.

[Click here](#) for the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition's Weekly Update from Dec. 7, 2007.

Thanking you in advance - Mary

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