

Lincoln Calls For Speedy Publication Of 2008 Farm Bill Regulations

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US. Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) criticized USDA's "significant delay" in publishing the regulations of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, saying the delay has hampered farmers' ability to plan for the coming year.

In her letter to USDA Secretary Ed Schaefer, Lincoln called for the speedy publication of the farm bill implementing regulations, and noted that its completion would offer an economic boost to rural communities throughout the

country.

"Farmers across Arkansas are facing an extremely volatile market and are working to overcome the damage wrought by severe natural disasters of the past year," Lincoln said. "As we look for ways to boost our faltering economy, the 2008 farm bill implementing regulations could have a significant positive impact and provide a much needed boost to rural America. Further, I strongly urge USDA to write the regulations the way Congress intended them to be." Δ