



**Statement by the  
Balanced Food and Fuel Coalition on  
The Affordable Food and Fuel for America Act**

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The Balanced Food and Fuel Coalition – a partnership of meat, livestock and poultry organizations – released the following statement:

“We commend the leadership of Reps. Joseph Crowley, D-N.Y., and Mary Bono Mack, R-Calif., for introducing legislation that is absolutely critical to both producers and consumers of food by controlling volatile commodity markets and ensuring all users of feed grains compete on a level playing field. This legislation – H.R. 3187 – would gradually phase out government support for corn-based ethanol over five years and encourage the commercial development of second generation biofuels. If passed, the bill would permit badly needed adjustments in the corn-based ethanol mandates required by law. It represents an important step in weaning ethanol from its reliance on government protections to be commercially viable and compete with other commodities that rely on corn as their major input.

The Balanced Food and Fuel Coalition also supports both legislative and regulatory action that will help relieve the volatility and escalation of feed costs, which have significantly affected the cost of poultry and livestock production and ultimately negatively impacted rural jobs and the cost of raising protein for consumption. This is a significant development in the effort to create a more level playing field for all segments of agriculture. Once again we applaud Reps. Crowley and Mack for their leadership on this critical issue.”

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