

# **Landslide Senate Farm Bill Passage Makes it Veto-Proof**

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Just one day after the House passed the 2007 Farm Bill with the two-thirds majority needed to override a presidential veto, so did the Senate on an 81 to 15 vote on Thursday.

Strong bipartisan support that fueled the wide-margin passage by both houses of Congress fairly ensures enactment, regardless of veto threats by President Bush.

The legislation includes a livestock title that puts mandatory country-of-origin labeling (sometimes referred to as COOL or COL) into effect on Sept. 30, 2008.

Among other things, it also gives swine and poultry producers the ability to litigate contract disputes locally and allows some state-inspected meat to cross state lines.

Vote results posted on the Senate Web site showed that four senators did not vote, including all three presidential candidates.

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