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Lincoln Receives 2009 Wheat Advocate Award

Recognized for defending the interests of rural America and production agriculture

Washington – U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., Chairman of the U.S. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee yesterday received the National Association of Wheat Growers' 2009 Wheat Advocate Award in recognition of her leadership on agriculture issues and advocacy on behalf of the nation's farmers.

"I am honored to receive this award and proud to serve as an advocate for our nation's agricultural producers. As Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I am committed to ensuring our farmers have a strong safety net in place so they can continue to provide a safe, abundant and affordable food supply to all Americans," Lincoln said.

"We are pleased to choose Chairman Lincoln as one of our Wheat Advocates because of her continued leadership in defending the interests of rural America and production agriculture in particular," said Karl Scronce, NAWG president and a wheat producer from Klamath Falls, Ore. "We appreciate her efforts in leading oversight of USDA during implementation of the farm bill and in safeguarding the needs of rural America with respect to environmental initiatives being put forward."

The Wheat Advocate Award is given annually to Members of Congress who have demonstrated support for the wheat industry above and beyond the norm.