

Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel
Commissioner for Agriculture
European Commission
Rue de la Loi, 200
Bruxelles 1049

23rd May 2006

Dear Commissioner Fischer Boel,

Re: UK Farm Payment Extension

I am writing to you after having received a letter from one of my constituents with regard to the British Government's request for an extension to the date of the single farm payment. British farmers have already had to wait longer than usual, with their colleagues in all other Member States having already received their payments. It is therefore unacceptable that they should have to wait any longer, with the burden falling particularly heavily on small farms.

In view of this, I urge you to put all possible pressure on the British government to comply with the agreed date of the 30th June and correspondingly deny any extension for which it has applied.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Lucas', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Caroline Lucas
Green Party MEP for South East England