

FEED AMERICAN FAMILIES WITH FOOD GROWN ON AMERICAN SOIL

In their pursuit of feeding their neighbors and communities, American farmers and ranchers face never-before-seen challenges created by cheap imports and multinational and foreign monopoly corporations. These corporations have rigged America's agricultural trade flows and increased our reliance on imported fruits, vegetables, and meat. American families deserve a safe and abundant food supply, and our nation's farmers and ranchers stand ready to provide just that. By removing the barriers that currently exist and leveraging a new procurement strategy, we can feed American families with food grown on American soil and bring food sovereignty back to our nation.

Support Legislative Action:

- Increase funding for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) and reduce burdensome match requirements, see the GusNIP Improvement Act and the Opt for Health with SNAP, Close the Fruit and Vegetable Gap Act
- Promote fairness in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) meat procurement, support independent small processors, and reinvest in local meat markets, see the Strengthening Local Meat Economies Act
- Strengthen "Buy American" requirements in school meals, see the American Food for American Schools Act
- Enhance funding for farmers' market nutrition programs, support farmers' market infrastructure in underserved areas, and foster partnerships between local farmers and food banks, see the Farmers Market and Food Bank Local Revitalization Act
- Restore Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling through Congressional action, see the American Beef Labeling Act, the Fairness for Small-Scale Farmers and Ranchers Act, the Farm System Reform Act, and the Country of Origin Labeling Enforcement Act





Urge Administrative Action:

- Establish a carve-out for targeted purchasing from local and regional producers and processors, including additional staff to manage the new carve-out
- Direct USDA to establish a pilot procurement program to link USDA's investment in independent processing capacity with the USDA Foods program
- Urge the Trump administration to renegotiate the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement to reinstate Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for all beef, pork, and meat products between the countries

Champion New Legislation:

- Increase appropriations for the Local Agricultural Marketing Program (LAMP), the Specialty Crop Research Initiative, Specialty Crop Block Grants, Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA), Local Foods for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program (LFS), and the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) to build and support local markets
- Shift government support in the next farm bill from lower-value commodity crops like corn and soybeans toward vegetables, fruits, nuts, legumes, mushrooms, and cereal grains, allowing farmers more choices to profitably grow food for their communities
- Increase appropriations for the budget and staff within USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service's Commodity Procurement to ensure sufficient resources to support procurement reforms

