



***Congressional Catering:***  
**How Big Food and Agricultural Special Interests Wield Influence in Congress  
and Undermine Public Health**

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**Key Findings**

A shocking one-half of the American population suffers from diet-related chronic disease and even more Americans are imperiled by medical risk factors for those diseases. Various editions of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans have been largely consistent in their advice for decades – emphasizing diets higher in fruits, vegetables and whole grains, and lower in added sugars, sodium, trans fat, and saturated fats.

Yet the American diet remains largely unchanged. The 2015 expert report by the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) indicates that a full one-third of our national diet is still comprised of burgers, sandwiches, pizza, dessert, sweet snacks, and sugary beverages.

Finally, progress to support Americans’ abilities to follow the Dietary Guidelines advice is underway:

- The 2015 DGAC, a 14-member committee of independent scientists convened by the Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services (“the Departments”) developed a robust set of public health recommendations grounded in science and published them for public comment in preparation for the Departments’ forthcoming 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA).
- The meals, snacks, and drinks sold in schools are improving as a result of updated standards based on the DGA and many companies have voluntarily agreed not to market foods to children that do not meet nutrition standards based on the DGA.
- In June 2015, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced limits on partially hydrogenated oil (PHO), the main source of artery-clogging, industrial trans fat, as strong evidence demonstrates it is no longer generally recognized as safe.
- The FDA is moving forward – albeit slowly – on the development of *voluntary* guidance for sodium levels across many categories of foods.

Progress on critical public health and nutrition goals, however, is too often complicated by some politicians' clear willingness to run interference on behalf of the food industry. In the face of these limited steps forward, the food industry has mounted an intense defense, running to Congress to:

- Secure House Appropriations' riders on spending bills to ham-string the science on the DGA by imposing a far more stringent test for revisions to past advice than has ever been applied to recommendations before;
- Secure riders on spending measures to again delay efforts to reduce sodium in school lunches and breakfasts;
- In report language, threaten to restrict the FDA's ability to appropriately limit harmful trans fat in the food supply by delaying implementation of a determination that the artificial trans fat in partially hydrogenated oil is not generally recognized as safe; and
- In a committee report, threaten to bar the FDA from working to develop sodium guidance for the general public until it meets a series of arbitrary new requirements.

Each of these riders and threats is explained more fully in Appendix A, below.

It is essential that official government activities on diet and nutrition reflect up-to-date, science-based guidance without political interference. It is alarming that in the face of clear public health concerns – and regardless of the millions of Americans whose health is affected by government policies and advice – some Members of Congress would play politics with development of national nutrition policy. And it would set a new and dangerous precedent if eleventh-hour deals in Congress can derail the evidence-based advice of scientists or the informed work of the expert agencies on matters of public health.

Below we present a quick analysis of the influence of the food industry on current Members of Congress, including members of the Appropriations Committees in the House and Senate and signatories to the letters sent by members of both chambers earlier this year critical of the Dietary Guidelines. A few highlights:

*Senate*

- The 30 Senators (all of whom were Republican) who signed the March 12, 2015, letter critical of the DGAC report received more than a million dollars from the food industry between 2013 and 2014 – with approximately half of that sum given by the beef and cattle industry.
- Ninety-eight percent of contributions to Senate Appropriators – a sum of \$620,845 – went to Republicans (while a mere two percent – \$15,000 – was given to Democrats).

### *House*

- The 71 House signers (again, all Republicans) of a letter criticizing the DGAC report received at least two million dollars from food and agricultural interests in 2013-2014.
- Eight-four percent of food and agriculture contributions to House Appropriators went to Republicans – a sum of at least \$685,942 (while only 16 percent, or \$142,650, went to Democrats).
- Only one Republican (Scott Rigel (R.-VA)) on the House Appropriations Subcommittees on either Agriculture or Labor/HHS did not receive major contributions from Big Agriculture or Food donors (measured by reference to the top 20 donors to each Member).
- All but one Republican on the House Agriculture Appropriations Committee signed onto the letter criticizing the DGAC report that was being promoted by food and meat industry interests, according to the letter’s lead sponsor.

### *Both Houses of Congress*

- Across both chambers and parties, total money from food interests to members of the Appropriations committees was at least \$1,464,437.
- To all signatories on both of the Congressional letters we examined criticizing the 2015 DGAC report, the food industry donated \$3,121,362 from 2013 through 2014.

### **Sources**

Appendix B provides a more detailed breakdown of contributions to each committee and signatory by Senator or Member of Congress, sourced from data collected by The Center for Responsive Politics on the largest 20 donors to each member. The Center for Responsive Politics is a nonprofit organization that sources campaign finance data from the Federal Election Commission and reports on contributions to candidates and politicians, among other sources. The organizations listed did not themselves donate to the politicians listed; the contributions came directly from the organizations’ political action committees (PACs), their individual members or employees or owners, and those individuals’ immediate families. It is likely that our estimated totals are underestimates, as we used the Center for Responsive Politics’ reports for only the top 20 donors to each Representative or Senator.

**Summary of Campaign Finance Contributions from  
Food and Related Sectors:**

	<b>Contributions from Food Industry 2013-2014</b>
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture (harmful rider proposed in subcommittee)	To Republicans: \$231,800 To Democrats: \$37,600 Total: \$269,400
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor/HHS (harmful rider proposed in subcommittee)	To Republicans: \$276,542 To Democrats: \$10,000 Total: \$286,542
House Appropriations Full Committee (voting on riders)	To Republicans: \$685,942 To Democrats: \$142,650 Total: \$828,592
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture (harmful rider proposed in subcommittee)	To Republicans: \$230,200 To Democrats: \$15,000 Total: \$245,200
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor/HHS (harmful rider proposed in subcommittee)	To Republicans: \$427,426 To Democrats: \$15,000 Total: \$442,426
Senate Appropriations Full Committee (will vote on rider)	To Republicans: \$620,845 To Democrats: \$15,000 Total: \$635,845
Signatories to House of Representatives March 2015 Letter Criticizing the DGAC Report (all Republican)	Total: \$ 2,065,823
Signatories to the Senate March 2015 Letter Criticizing the DGAC Report (all Republican)	Total \$1,055,539

## **Appendix A: Congressional Interference in Health-Promoting Policies**

### **Damage to Public Health Priorities Inflicted by Appropriations Riders**

#### *An Anti-Science Attack on the DGA 2015*

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) is updated and published by the United States Departments of Agriculture (USDA) and Health and Human Services (HHS) every five years. It provides science-based advice on diet and fitness to Americans and is the basis for nutrition policy and programs affecting millions of Americans. The most recent DGA was released in 2010, and a Committee of independent experts (the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee or DGAC) released a report in February 2015 providing recommendations that will serve as the basis for the 2015 DGA.

Both the Agriculture and Labor/HHS appropriations bills currently being considered in the House of Representatives contain a rider that would limit the 2015 Guidelines in two ways. First, any new recommendations or changes to the 2010 Guidelines must be based on conclusions rated “Grade 1: Strong” by the Nutrition Evidence Library (NEL) rubric. But the NEL rubric gives “strong” ratings only to conclusions reflecting nearly uniform results across many studies. For example, the mere presence of conflict, however explained it might be by study design, can be sufficient to downgrade a finding. This requirement is extremely limiting, inconsistent with common scientific practice, and would over-ride the expert and informed judgment of the government (and the experts on the DGAC) regarding the evidence.

It would exclude all but a handful of new recommendations in the 2015 DGAC Report. It also would create scientific inconsistency – many recommendations in the 2010 Guidelines were based on “Grade 2: Moderate” evidence, yet would be “grandfathered” into the 2015 Guidelines. The DGAC already scored all of its recommendations using this basic rubric and included a range of recommendations based on solid evidence that received lower than a Strong grade.

Second, new recommendations or changes could only be made concerning matters of diet and nutrient intake. This provision would exclude any advice based on new and developing science relating to exercise, food safety, or lifestyle changes, which are critical to preventing disease, achieving a healthy weight, and overall health. It also would exclude any new or modified policy advice, including recommendations relating to food security or food safety. Further, it would not allow new advice on ways to implement the health recommendations put forth in the rest of the Guidelines.

The Senate language in the Labor/HHS Appropriations bill is also troubling. It would restrict the recommendations to “only” conclusions supported by a “preponderance of the evidence.” And its limitations on the scope of advice are concerning, as they would limit the DGA to matters that are “solely” nutritional and dietary in nature. Moreover, it fails to mention the need for “medical knowledge,” which is essential to consideration of disease conditions that are diet-related.

These arbitrary limitations on scope or subject matter are unwarranted and threaten public health. Given that two-thirds of Americans are overweight or obese and half of Americans suffer from diet-related chronic disease, arbitrary restrictions on how to achieve the DGA’s common-sense

advice would be an enormous set-back. These limitations would amount to a political gag on the government's ability to provide the best science-based advice to the public; advice that has already been the subject of an extensive public consideration process. Given the diet-related health challenges facing millions of Americans, it is essential that an official government advice reflect up-to-date, science-based diet and fitness evidence.

### ***Freezing Sodium Reductions in Schools at Current Levels***

One in six American children has elevated blood pressure, which may escalate to high blood pressure in adulthood and lead to heart disease and stroke. Science supports the need for sodium reduction in children in order to accustom children to a less-salty diet and prevent or delay the onset of high blood pressure, heart disease, and stroke. The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee recently reaffirmed that the upper safe limit for sodium for kids should be 1,900–2,300 mg in a whole day. Ninety percent of children eat too much sodium (3,400 mg /day).

Sodium reduction in school meals is currently underway and being phased in. Schools are in the middle of phase 1, called Target 1, which sets a limit of no more than 1,360 mg of sodium in a middle-school lunch. The change to Target 2 will involve a further reduction of about 300 mg of sodium per meal for a middle-school lunch (equivalent to one-third of a dill pickle), a level of reduction that students are unlikely to notice, especially if reductions are made gradually.

The House Agriculture spending bill includes a rider that would freeze the school lunch program at the current sodium standards, preventing the next level of reduction due to take effect in 2017–2018 school year. Yet many food companies that sell to schools have already reformulated products to meet the Target 2 requirements, making the riders both pointless and harmful in schools that will need more incentives to comply.

### **Anti-Science House Appropriations Committee Report Language**

While not binding on federal agencies, several portions of the House Appropriations Committee report language, according to news reports, are hostile to key public health advances.

### ***Delaying Life-Saving Trans Fat Rules***

Artificial trans fat forms when ordinary vegetable oil is hardened by treatment with hydrogen at high temperatures and pressures, and was widely used in margarine, shortening, and countless other processed foods. Until 1990, few studies had shown that trans fat might be harmful to health. But then in the early 1990s, careful, reliable clinical studies demonstrated that trans fat raises the “bad” LDL cholesterol, and lowers the “good” HDL cholesterol in blood, thereby increasing the risk of heart disease. Subsequent research found that trans fat also stiffens arteries and may increase the risk of diabetes.

In June 2015, the FDA finalized its determination that artificial trans fat is no longer generally recognized as safe for use in food. This long-expected move is a major victory for public health, and was the result of a sustained public health campaign that has included disclosing trans fat on

Nutrition Facts labels, litigation, and city, county, and state prohibitions on the use of partially hydrogenated oil in restaurants and bakeries.

Now, report language in the House Agriculture Appropriations bill (as reported by Politico after reporters obtained it) would ask FDA to re-analyze key issues in its PHO determination, forcing “the agency to clarify its position on a number of points, including that it did not declare that PHOs are ‘unsafe.’” The wording would also request more needless delay – requiring FDA to postpone enforcement of its decision until it gives permission for the food industry to include specified amounts of trans fat as a food additive.

Congress should not try to un-ring this bell. FDA has already declared PHOs unsafe based upon its expert evaluation, with ample time for public comment, of the robust scientific evidence of the harm from trans fat. Companies were certainly aware – or should have been aware – of the risk of continuing to use a substance documented to cost lives. FDA has also already provided a more-than-ample three-year compliance period for companies to abide by the change in rules – and companies will no doubt use this safe harbor and their pending food additive petition in any private litigation over trans fat.

### ***Muddling the Science on Sodium and Forcing a Delay of FDA’s Long-Awaited Voluntary Guidance***

The average American consumes about 3,500 mg of sodium daily, more than twice the daily limit recommended by the U.S. government for a majority of the adult population. According to the government’s 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, adults should consume no more than 2,300 mg of sodium per day. For children, people with hypertension, adults 51 years and older, and African-Americans – a combined majority of Americans – the DGA recommends an even lower limit of 1,500 mg per day.

Reducing sodium intake remains one of the single best ways to prevent high blood pressure, heart attacks, and strokes. Researchers estimate that reducing current sodium consumption rates by 1,200 mg a day would eliminate 60,000 to 120,000 cases of coronary heart disease and save 44,000 to 92,000 lives per year. Such a shift in sodium consumption would also reduce medical costs by \$10 billion to \$24 billion annually.<sup>1</sup> Another study projected that a modest reduction in sodium intake of 4 percent per year would save 250,000 to 500,000 lives over the next 10 years.<sup>2</sup> Government data also estimated that 99 percent of those adults who are advised to further reduce sodium intake to 1,500 mg (*i.e.*, people aged 51 years and older, African-Americans, and those with hypertension) exceeded that recommended amount and consume, on average, 3,200 mg of sodium per day.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Bibbins-Domingo, Kirsten, *et al.* “Projected effect of dietary salt reductions on future cardiovascular disease.” *New England Journal of Medicine* 362(7) (2010): 590-599.

<sup>2</sup> Coxson PG, Cook NR, Joffres M, *et al.* Mortality benefits from US population-wide reduction in sodium consumption: projections from three modeling approaches. *Hypertension*. 2013; 61:564-70.

<sup>3</sup> Cogswell ME, Zhang Z, Carriquiry AL, *et al.* Sodium and potassium intakes among US adults: NHANES 2003–2008. *Am J Clin Nutr*. 2012; 96:647-57.

In response to this substantial body of evidence, FDA is planning to propose voluntary guidance for sodium reductions by categories of foods. Such an approach could help considerably: in England, gradual reductions in the sodium content of processed foods from 2003 to 2011 resulted in a 15 percent decline in average sodium intake. Partly as a result, during that time systolic blood pressure dropped by 3 points, deaths from stroke dropped by 42 percent, and deaths from ischemic heart disease fell by 40 percent. Although other factors contributed to those declines, it is likely that the fall in sodium consumption played a significant role.<sup>4</sup>

In response, the food industry is threatening the effort with new roadblocks in Appropriations bills. The draft committee report language, written by the Republican majority, would direct FDA to coordinate with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to convene yet another Institute of Medicine (IOM) panel on the issue and suggests no federal funding be spent on "reduction activities" below 3,000 mg per day until the science for healthy individuals is "formally considered."

Yet a prior report by IOM merely muddied the waters. A 2013 IOM report focused on limited evidence (only including studies published after 2003) and limited clinical outcomes. Some of the studies reviewed by the IOM have also been criticized for conflicts of interest or were retracted.<sup>5</sup> A 2010 IOM report concluded that 40 years of voluntary efforts to lower sodium were totally ineffective and recommended that the FDA should set limits on sodium in various categories of food. FDA should press forward with its focus on the robust body of evidence linking sodium intake with elevated blood pressure as the American Heart Association, among other leading public health groups, have recommended.

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<sup>4</sup> He FJ, Pombo-Rodrigues S, MacGregor GA. Salt reduction in England from 2003 to 2011: its relationship to blood pressure, stroke, and ischemic heart disease mortality. *BMJ Open*. 2014. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2013-004549.

<sup>5</sup> Campbell NR, Lackland DT, MacGregor GA. Dietary sodium: A perspective on recent sodium evidence – Its interpretation and controversies. *J Clin Hypertens*. 2013; 15:765-8.

## Appendix B: Campaign Finance Contributions from Food and Related Sectors

Below is a compilation of campaign contributions from food related donors with a stake in pushing for DGAC limitations, school lunch provisions and trans fat phase-out delays in the rider. We sourced donation information from the Open Secrets Web site by the Center for Responsive Politics.

### House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

<b>Member of Congress</b> <i>(*indicates that the Member signed March 2015 letter critical of DGAC)</i>	<b>Big Ag/Food Donors</b> <b>Listed Among Top 20 Donors to Member (2013-2014)</b>
Robert Aderholt (R-AL)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herbster Angus Farms (cattle) \$15,000</li> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$10,000</li> <li>• Alabama Farmers Federation \$10,000</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Farm Credit Council \$10,000</li> <li>• Monsanto \$10,000</li> </ul>
Andy Harris (R-MD)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Steven Palazzo (R-MS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Thomas Rooney (R-FL)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publix (grocery stores) \$10,200</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
David Valadao (R-CA)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land O’Lakes \$13,100</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$11,000</li> <li>• Nichols Farms (cattle) \$10,900</li> <li>• California Dairies, Inc \$10,000</li> <li>• Western United Dairymen \$10,000</li> <li>• Deere &amp; Co (farming equipment) \$10,000</li> <li>• Farm Credit Council \$10,000</li> </ul>
Kevin Yoder (R-KS)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bartlett Grain (grain, cattle feed) \$15,600</li> <li>• Russell Stover Candies \$13,000</li> <li>• US Salt \$10,400</li> </ul>
David Young (R-IA)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sukup Manufacturing (grain storage and processing) \$12,600</li> </ul>
<b>Food Money to Ag Appropriations House Republicans</b>	<b>\$231,800</b>

Sam Farr (D-CA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>RC Farms (pig farm) \$7,600</li> </ul>
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Sanford Bishop Jr. (D-GA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>Coca-Cola Co. \$10,000</li> </ul>
Chellie Pingree (D-ME)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
<b>Food Money to Ag Appropriations House Democrats</b>	<b>\$37,600</b>
<b>Total Food Money to House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture</b>	<b>\$269,400</b>

**House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies**

<b>Member of Congress</b>  <i>(*indicates that the Member signed March 2015 letter critical of DGAC)</i>	<b>Big Ag/Food Donors in Top 20 Donors (2013-2014)</b>
Tom Cole (R-OK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Charlie Dent (R-PA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jaindl Farms \$24,242</li> </ul>
Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>McKee Foods (makes snack food products like Little Debbie) \$20,700</li> <li>Pilot Corp (convenient stores) \$9,900</li> </ul>
Andy Harris (R-MD)* (also on Agriculture subcommittee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Scott Rigel (R-VA)	Only Republican Congressman on either Subcommittee without a top 20 donor in the food industry
Martha Roby (R-AL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alabama Farmers Federation \$10,250</li> </ul>
Mike Simpson (R-ID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JR Simplot (food and agribusiness) \$12,000</li> <li>National Potato council \$11,000</li> <li>Agri Beef \$10,750</li> <li>American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>Monsanto \$10,000</li> <li>National Cattlemen's Beef Association \$10,000</li> </ul>
Steve Womack (R-AR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WalMart (grocery) \$95,250</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tyson Foods (beef and poultry) \$12,450</li> <li>• Ozark Mountain Poultry \$10,400</li> <li>• National Chicken Council \$10,000</li> </ul>
<b>Food Money to Labor/HHS Appropriations House Republicans</b>	<b>\$276,942</b>
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Barbara Lee (D-CA)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Chaka Fattah (D-PA)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
<b>Food Money to Labor/HHS Appropriations House Democrats</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Total Food Money to House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor/HHS</b>	<b>\$286,942</b>

### House Appropriations Full Committee

Member of Congress  <i>(*indicates that the Member signed March 2015 letter critical of DGAC)</i>	Big Ag/Food Donors in Top 20 Donors (2013-2014)
Harold Rogers (R-KT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BASF SE (agribusiness) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Robert Aderholt (R-AL)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herbster Angus Farms (cattle) \$15,000</li> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$10,000</li> <li>• Alabama Farmers Federation \$10,000</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Farm Credit Council \$10,000</li> <li>• Monsanto \$10,000</li> </ul>
Kay Granger (R-TX)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Michael Simpson (R-ID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JR Simplot (agribusiness) \$12,000</li> <li>• National Potato council \$11,000</li> <li>• Agri Beef \$10,750</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monsanto \$10,000</li> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$10,000</li> </ul>
John Culberson (R-TX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Ander Crenshaw (R-FL)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
John Carter (R-TX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Ken Calvert (R-CA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anderson Seafoods \$10,400</li> <li>• Swan Farms \$10,400</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• National Association of Convenience Stores \$10,000</li> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$10,000</li> </ul>
Tom Cole (R-OK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Mario Diaz Balart (R-FL)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Charlie Dent (R-PA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jaindl Farms \$24,242</li> </ul>
Tom Graves (R-GA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coca-Cola Co. \$10,000</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$8,000</li> </ul>
Kevin Yoder (R-KS)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bartlett Grain (grain, cattle feed) \$15,600</li> <li>• Russell Stover Candies \$13,000</li> <li>• US Salt \$10,400</li> </ul>
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Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$7,500</li> </ul>
Thomas Rooney (R-FL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publix (grocery stores) \$10,200</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• McKee Foods (snack foods like Little Debbie) \$20,700</li> <li>• Pilot Corp. (convenient stores) \$9,900</li> </ul>
Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pacific Bells (Taco Bell) \$10,700</li> <li>• Pacific Seafood Group \$9,600</li> </ul>
David Joyce (R-OH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gamekeepers Restaurant \$10,400</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> </ul>
David Valadao (R-CA)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land O’Lakes \$13,100</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$11,000</li> <li>• Nichols Farms (cattle) \$10,900</li> <li>• California Dairies, Inc \$10,000</li> </ul>

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Andy Harris (R-MD)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Martha Roby (R-AL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alabama Farmers Federation \$10,250</li> </ul>
Mark Amodei (R-NV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$5,000</li> </ul>
Chris Stewart (R-UT)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Scott Rigell (R-VA)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
David Jolly (R-FL)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
David Young (R-IA)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sukup Manufacturing (grain storage and processing) \$12,600</li> </ul>
Evan Jenkins (R-WV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$15,200</li> </ul>
Steven Palazzo (R-MS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
<b>Food Money to House Appropriations Republicans</b>	<b>\$685,942</b>
Nita Lowey (D-NY)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Peter Visclosky (D-IN)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Jose Serrano (D-NY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$7,500</li> </ul>
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Sam Farr (D-CA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• RC Farms (pig farm) \$7,600</li> </ul>
Chaka Fattah (D-PA)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Sanford Bishop Jr. (D-GA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Coca-Cola Co. \$10,000</li> </ul>
Barbara Lee (D-CA)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Michael Honda (D-CA)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Betty McCollum (D-MN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Southern Minn Beet Sugar Co-Op \$10,000</li> </ul>

Steve Israel (D-NY)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Tim Ryan (D-OH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covelli Enterprises (Dairy Queen, Panera, etc) \$10,400</li> </ul>
C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fanjul Corp. (sugar) \$17,900</li> </ul>
Henry Cuellar (D-TX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farm Credit Council \$10,000</li> <li>American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Chellie Pingree (D-ME)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Mike Quigley (D-IL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>McDonald's Corp. \$9,250</li> </ul>
Derek Kilmer (D-WA)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
<b>Food Money House Appropriations Democrats</b>	<b>\$142,650</b>
<b>Total Food Money to House Appropriations Committee</b>	<b>\$828,592</b>

**Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies**

<b>Senator</b>	<b>Big Ag/Food Donors in Top 20 Donors (2013-2014)</b>
<i>(*indicates that the Member signed March 2015 letter critical of DGAC)</i>	
Jerry Moran (R-KS) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Koch Industries (cattle) \$42,000</li> <li>Bartlett Grain (grain storage and processing) \$19,900</li> </ul>
Roy Blunt (R-MO) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monsanto \$79,250</li> </ul>
Thad Cochran (R-MS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sanderson Farms (chicken farm) \$31,000</li> </ul>
Mitch McConnell (R-KT)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Susan Collins (R-ME)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
John Hoeven (R-ND) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Crystal Sugar \$16,850</li> </ul>
Steve Daines (R-MT) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Koch Industries (cattle) \$41,200</li> </ul>
<b>Food Money to Senate Ag Appropriations Subcommittee Republicans</b>	<b>\$230,200</b>
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Crystal Sugar \$15,000</li> </ul>

Diane Feinstein (D-CA)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
John Tester (D-MT)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Tom Udall (D-NM)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
<b>Food Money to Senate Ag Appropriations Subcommittee Democrats</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Total Food Money to Senate Ag Appropriations Subcommittee</b>	<b>\$245,200</b>

**Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies**

<b>Senator</b>	<b>Big Ag/Food Donors in Top 20 Donors (2013-2014)</b>
<i>(*indicates that the Member signed March 2015 letter critical of DGAC)</i>	
Roy Blunt (R-MO) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monsanto \$79,250</li> </ul>
Jerry Moran (R-KS) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$42,000</li> <li>• Bartlett Grain (grain storage and processing) \$19,900</li> </ul>
Richard Shelby (R-AL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tacala LLC (Taco Bell) \$28,766</li> </ul>
Thad Cochran (R-MS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanderson Farms (chicken farm) \$31,000</li> <li>• American Association of Crop Insurers \$20,000</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$20,000</li> </ul>
Lamar Alexander (R-TN) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• McKee Foods (snack foods like Little Debbie) \$24,800</li> </ul>
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Mark Kirk (R-IL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mazzetta Co (frozen seafood) \$43,300</li> </ul>
Bill Cassidy (R-LA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$46,200</li> <li>• B&amp;G Food (Taco Bell, KFC, Long John Silvers, etc) \$33,200</li> </ul>
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat

James Lankford (R-OK) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Koch Industries (cattle) \$39,010</li> </ul>
<b>Food Money to Senate Labor/HHS Appropriations Subcommittee Republicans</b>	<b>\$427,426</b>
Patty Murray (D-WA)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Richard Durbin (D-IL)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Jack Reed (D-RI)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Crystal Sugar \$15,000</li> </ul>
Brian Schatz (D-HI)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
<b>Food Money to Senate Labor/HHS Appropriations Subcommittee Democrats</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Total Food Money to Senate Labor/HHS Appropriations Subcommittee</b>	<b>\$442,426</b>

### Senate Appropriations Full Committee

<b>Senator</b>	<b>Big Ag/Food Donors in Top 20 Donors (2013-2014)</b>
<i>(*indicates that the Member signed March 2015 letter critical of DGAC)</i>	
Thad Cochran (R-MS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sanderson Farms (chicken farm) \$31,000</li> <li>American Association of Crop Insurers \$20,000</li> <li>American Crystal Sugar \$20,000</li> </ul>
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Richard Shelby (R-AL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tacala LLC (Taco Bell) \$28,766</li> </ul>
Lamar Alexander (R-TN) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>McKee Foods (snack foods like Little Debbie) \$24,800</li> </ul>
Susan Collins (R-ME)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat

Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trident Seafoods (frozen seafood dishes) \$32,700</li> </ul>
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Mark Kirk (R-IL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mazzetta Co (frozen seafood) \$43,300</li> </ul>
Roy Blunt (R-MO) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monsanto \$79,250</li> </ul>
Jerry Moran (R-KS) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$42,000</li> <li>• Bartlett Grain (grain storage and processing) \$19,900</li> </ul>
John Hoeven (R-ND) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$16,850</li> </ul>
John Boozman (R-AR) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walmart (grocery) \$63,650</li> <li>• Tyson Foods \$25,700</li> <li>• Fowler Foods (franchises KFC, Taco Bell, etc) \$13,319</li> </ul>
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Bill Cassidy (R-LA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$46,200</li> <li>• B&amp;G Food (Taco Bell, KFC, Long John Silvers, etc) \$33,200</li> </ul>
James Lankford (R-OK) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$39,010</li> </ul>
Steve Daines (R-MT) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$41,200</li> </ul>
<b>Food Money to Senate Appropriations Republicans</b>	<b>\$620,845</b>
Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Patty Murray (D-WA)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Richard Durbin (D-IL)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Jack Reed (D-RI)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
John Tester (D-MT)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Tom Udall (D-NM)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$15,000</li> </ul>
Chris Coons (D-DE)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat

Brian Schatz (D-HI)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Christopher Murphy (D-CT)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
<b>Food Money to Senate Appropriations Democrats</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Total Food Money to Senate Appropriations Committee</b>	<b>\$635,845</b>

**Signatories to the House of Representatives’ March 2015 Letter Critical of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans Committee Report, 2015**

According to a press release by the letter’s lead sponsor in the House, Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R.-MO), supporters of the letter included many of the major food trade associations, and particularly those with an interest in meat consumption: American Farm Bureau Federation, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, National Pork Producer’s Council, National Restaurant Association, Livestock Marketing Association, North American Meat Institute, National Turkey Federation, and American Beverage Association.<sup>6</sup>

<b>Member of Congress</b>	<b>Big Ag/Food Donors in Top 20 Donors (2013-2014)</b>
Adrian Smith (R-NE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Monsanto \$10,000</li> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$10,000</li> <li>• National Pork Producers Council \$10,000</li> <li>• AG Processing (soybean processing) \$9,250</li> </ul>
Andy Harris (R-MD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Ann Wagner (R-MO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monsanto \$13,250</li> <li>• TC Jacoby &amp; Co (dairy merchants) \$10,400</li> </ul>
Austin Scott (R-GA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$11,000</li> </ul>

<sup>6</sup> See “Hartzler, Colleagues Call for Sound Science in Dietary Guidelines,” Mar. 31, 2015. Available on-line at: <http://hartzler.house.gov/press-release/hartzler-colleagues-call-sound-science-dietary-guidelines>.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coca-Cola Co. \$10,500</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Deere &amp; Co. (farming equipment) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Bill Johnson (R-OH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Mills \$10,000</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Billy Long (R-MO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ozarks Coca-Cola \$15,200</li> </ul>
Blaine Leutkemeyer (R-MO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orscheln Group (farm supplies) \$20,800</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Bob Gibbs (R-OH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Ohio Farm Bureau \$9,524</li> <li>• American Soybean Association \$9,000</li> </ul>
Bob Goodlatte (R-VA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Dairy foods Association \$11,561</li> </ul>
Bradley Byrne (R-AL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alabama Farmers Federation \$15,000</li> </ul>
Brian Babin (R-TX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taste of Texas Restaurant \$10,900</li> <li>• Vince Young Steakhouse \$10,400</li> <li>• Texas &amp; Southwestern Cattle Raisers \$6,500</li> </ul>
Bruce Westerman (R-AR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Montaire Corp. (chicken farmers) \$7,700</li> <li>• Riceland Foods (rice, soybeans, wheat) \$6,750</li> </ul>
Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• McKee Foods (snack foods like Little Debbie) \$20,700</li> <li>• Pilot Corp. (convenient stores) \$9,900</li> </ul>
Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FMC Corp. (agribusiness) \$5,500</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$5,000</li> <li>• Farm Credit Council \$5,000</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$5,000</li> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$5,000</li> </ul>
Dan Benishek (R-MI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Dan Newhouse (R-WA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• GS Long (agribusiness) \$7,800</li> <li>• Bud Hollingbery Farms \$7,700</li> <li>• Yakima Chief Ranches \$6,200</li> <li>• Bt Loftus Ranches \$6,000</li> <li>• CropLife America \$6,000</li> <li>• Monsanto \$5,300</li> <li>• Mensonides Dairy \$5,200</li> <li>• Farm Credit Council \$5,000</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grocery Manufacturers Association \$5,000</li> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$5,000</li> <li>• National Council of Farmer Co-Ops \$5,000</li> <li>• Northwest Dairy Association \$5,000</li> </ul>
Daniel Webster (R-FL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fanjul Corp (sugar) \$10,200</li> <li>• Publix Super Markets \$10,000</li> <li>• McDonald’s Corp \$8,000</li> </ul>
David Valadao (R-CA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land O’Lakes \$13,100</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$11,000</li> <li>• Nichols Farms (cattle) \$10,900</li> <li>• California Dairies, Inc \$10,000</li> <li>• Western United Dairymen \$10,000</li> <li>• Deere &amp; Co (farming equipment) \$10,000</li> <li>• Farm Credit Council \$10,000</li> </ul>
David Rouzer (R-NC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prestage Farms (pork and poultry) \$13,900</li> <li>• National Cattlmen’s Beef Association \$11,000</li> <li>• 3-B Farms \$10,800</li> <li>• North Carolina Farm Bureau \$10,500</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Deere &amp; Co. (farming equipment) \$10,000</li> <li>• National Pork Producers council \$10,000</li> </ul>
David Young (R-IA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sukup Manufacturing (grain storage and processing) \$12,600</li> </ul>
Dennis Ross (R-FL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publix Super Markets \$22,400</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Doug LaMalfa (R-CA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California Rice Industry Association \$9,856</li> <li>• Sun Valley Rice \$7,800</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$7,500</li> <li>• California Dairies, Inc. \$7,500</li> <li>• National Cattlmen’s Beef Associaion \$7,000</li> <li>• Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association \$6,500</li> <li>• Farm Credit Council \$6,000</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land O'Lakes \$6,000</li> <li>• Farm &amp; Trade \$5,200</li> <li>• Keeney &amp; Son Farms \$5,200</li> </ul>
Doug Lamborn (R-CO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$5,000</li> <li>• Ball Corp (food packaging) \$5,000</li> </ul>
Jackie Walorski (R-IN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maple Leaf Farms (duck products) \$16,200</li> <li>• Midwest Poultry Services \$10,200</li> </ul>
Jason Smith (R-MO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missouri Farm Bureau/SE District \$10,000</li> <li>• National Cattlemen's Beef Association \$10,000</li> </ul>
Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$7,500</li> </ul>
Jim Bridenstine (R-OK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$5,000</li> <li>• US Beef \$5,000</li> </ul>
John Kline (R-MN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Mills \$10,450</li> </ul>
John Moolenaar (R-MI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Mountaire Corp (chicken farmers) \$7,800</li> </ul>
Kevin Cramer (R-ND)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$11,000</li> <li>• Mortenson Farms (potatoes) \$10,950</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,500</li> <li>• Farm Credit Council \$10,000</li> </ul>
Kevin Yoder (R-KS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bartlett Grain (grain, cattle feed) \$15,600</li> <li>• Russell Stover Candies \$13,000</li> <li>• US Salt \$10,400</li> </ul>
Kristi Noem (R-SD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Association of Crop Insurers \$10,000</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• American Soybean Association \$10,000</li> </ul>
Lamar Smith (R-TX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Cattlemen's Beef Association \$12,000</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> <li>• National Association of Convenience Stores \$10,000</li> <li>• Wal-Mart (grocery) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Lynn Jenkins (R-KS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sugar Creek Packing (bacon) \$13,000</li> <li>• Bartlett Grain (grain storage and processing) \$12,400</li> <li>• US Salt \$10,400</li> </ul>
Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coca-Cola Co. \$10,000</li> </ul>

Mac Thornberry (R-TX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$11,650</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Marlin Stutzman (R-IN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$11,500</li> <li>• Maple Leaf Farms (duck farm) \$10,700</li> </ul>
Mike Bost (R-IN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deere &amp; Co (farm equipment) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Mike Conaway (R-TX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$13,000</li> <li>• American Association of Crop Insurers \$10,000</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Crop Insurance Professionals Association \$10,000</li> <li>• Farm Credit Council \$10,000</li> <li>• Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association \$10,000</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> <li>• Land O’Lakes \$10,000</li> <li>• Minn-Dak Farmers Co-Op \$10,000</li> <li>• Monsanto \$10,000</li> <li>• Texas &amp; Southwestern Cattle Raisers \$10,000</li> <li>• USA Rice Federation \$10,000</li> </ul>
Mike Pompeo (R-KS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$114,400</li> </ul>
Mike Rogers (R-MI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ball Corp (food packaging) \$7,000</li> <li>• National Association of Convenience Stores \$5,000</li> </ul>
Phil Roe (R-TN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pal’s Restaurant (TN fast food chain) \$10,400</li> <li>• Roadrunner Market (convenience stores) \$7,200</li> <li>• Barger Burger \$5,200</li> <li>• K-VA-T Food Stores (grocery) \$5,200</li> </ul>
Ralph Abraham (R-LA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caney Bayou Farms \$7,600</li> <li>• American Sugar Cane League \$5,000</li> </ul>
Randy Neugebauer (R-TX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$13,000</li> <li>• Deere &amp; Co (farm equipment) \$10,000</li> <li>• Farm Credit Council \$10,000</li> </ul>
Reid Ribble (R-WI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sargento Foods (cheese) \$13,600</li> <li>• Heartland Farms \$10,800</li> <li>• Milksource (dairy farmers) \$10,400</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dean Foods (dairy and soy products) \$10,000</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Robert Aderholt (R-AL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herbster Angus Farms (cattle) \$15,000</li> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$10,000</li> <li>• Alabama Farmers Federation \$10,000</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Farm Credit Council \$10,000</li> <li>• Monsanto \$10,000</li> </ul>
Robert Latta (R-OH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooper Farms (deli meats/turkey burgers) \$15,600</li> </ul>
Rod Blum (R-IA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deere &amp; Co (farm equipment) \$5,200</li> </ul>
Rodney Davis (R-IL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• McDonald’s Corp. \$31,700</li> <li>• ADM (agribusiness) \$16,100</li> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$15,000</li> </ul>
Sam Graves (R-MO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Dairy Farmers of America \$10,000</li> </ul>
Sam Johnson (R-TX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texas Farm Bureau \$9,632</li> <li>• Dr. Pepper Snapple Group \$7,500</li> </ul>
Scott DesJarlais (R-TN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• McKee Foods (snack foods like Little Debbie) \$15,600</li> <li>• National cattlemen’s Beef Association \$10,000</li> </ul>
Sean Duffy (R-WI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$11,000</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Stephen Fincher (R-TN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pictsweet Co (frozen prepared foods) \$15,000</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• Deere &amp; Co (farm equipment) \$10,000</li> </ul>
Steve King (R-IA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sukup Manufacturing (grain storage and processing) \$14,500</li> <li>• AG Processing (soybean processing) \$13,000</li> <li>• Holden’s Foundation Seed \$10,400</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$10,000</li> <li>• National Pork Producer’s Council \$10,000</li> <li>• American Soybean Association \$8,000</li> </ul>
Steve Russell (R-OK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-S Ranch (cattle) \$7,700</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US Beef \$5,200</li> </ul>
Steve Stivers (R-OH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Castle System (fast food) \$15,900</li> <li>• Scott's Miracle Gro (agribusiness) \$15,000</li> </ul>
Ted Poe (R-TX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Ted Yoho (R-FL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Cattlemen's Beef Association \$10,000</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$7,500</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$7,500</li> <li>• Mayo Fertilizer (agribusiness) \$5,200</li> </ul>
Thomas Rooney (R-FL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publix (grocery stores) \$10,200</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> </ul>
Tim Huelskamp (R-KS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Russell Stover Candies \$10,400</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> <li>• Ag Services (farm management) \$6,950</li> </ul>
Todd Rokita (R-IN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$13,500</li> <li>• Indiana Farm Bureau \$10,000</li> </ul>
Tom Emmer (R-MN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Davisco Foods International (dairy farmers) \$10,400</li> </ul>
Tom McClintock (R-CA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California Westside Farmers, Inc \$10,000</li> </ul>
Vicky Hartzler (R-MO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orscheln Group (farm supplies) \$20,800</li> <li>• Ozarks Coca-Cola \$12,900</li> <li>• Russell Stover Candies \$10,400</li> <li>• Bartlett Grain (grain storage and processing) \$10,000</li> <li>• Dairy Farmers of America \$10,000</li> <li>• TC Jacoby &amp; Co (dairy products) \$10,000</li> </ul>
<b>Total Ag/Food Money to House Signees, 2013-2014</b>	<b>\$2,065,823</b>

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<b>Senator</b>	<b>Big Ag/Food Donors in Top 20 Donors (2013-2014)</b>
Steve Daines (R-MT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$41,200</li> </ul>

Deb Fischer (R-NE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AG Processing (processes soybeans) \$13,750</li> <li>• Land O'Lakes \$12,500</li> </ul>
Joni Ernst (R-IA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$18,000</li> <li>• Hy-Vee Inc (grocery) \$12,500</li> <li>• Beef Products, Inc \$12,400</li> </ul>
James M. Inhofe (R-OK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$15,200</li> <li>• National Cattlemen's Beef Association \$11,000</li> </ul>
Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monsanto \$20,500</li> <li>• AG Processing (soybean processing) \$20,000</li> <li>• Archer Daniels Midland (cattle feed) \$18,750</li> </ul>
John Hoeven (R-ND)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$16,850</li> </ul>
David Perdue (R-GA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wendy's \$41,500</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$38,750</li> </ul>
Jerry Moran (R-KS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$42,050</li> <li>• Bartlett Grain (grain storage and processing) \$19,900</li> </ul>
Tom Cotton (R-AR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$36,200</li> </ul>
James Risch (R-ID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000</li> <li>• Monsanto \$10,000</li> <li>• Heinz \$10,000</li> <li>• American Crystal Sugar \$10,000</li> <li>• National Cattlemen's Beef Association \$10,000</li> </ul>
Mike Crapo (R-ID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JR Simplot Co (agribusiness, livestock) \$22,000</li> </ul>
Ron Johnson (R-WI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$26,650</li> <li>• Nicholas and Co (foodservice) \$18,250</li> <li>• TA Solberg Co (grocery) \$15,420</li> </ul>
Marco Rubio (R-FL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flo-Sun (sugar) \$55,900</li> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$37,200</li> </ul>
John Boozman (R-AR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walmart (grocery) \$63,650</li> <li>• Tyson Foods \$25,700</li> <li>• Fowler Foods (franchises KFC, Taco Bell, etc) \$13,319</li> </ul>
Thom Tills (R-NC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$23,000</li> <li>• United Beverages of North Carolina \$17,150</li> </ul>
Mike Rounds (R-SD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beef Products, Inc. \$21,200</li> </ul>

Cory Gardner (R-CO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$42,200</li> <li>• Leprino Foods (cheese) \$15,600</li> </ul>
Roy Blunt (R-MO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monsanto \$79,250</li> </ul>
James Lankford (R-OK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$20,900</li> </ul>
Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• McKee Foods (snack foods like Little Debbie) \$24,800</li> </ul>
Rand Paul (R-KY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$17,000</li> <li>• Morning Star Co. (food processing) \$12,200</li> <li>• Griffin Industries (waste removal for beef, pork, poultry industries) \$12,000</li> </ul>
Dean Heller (R-NV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koch Industries (cattle) \$20,500</li> </ul>
Johnny Isakson (R-GA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coca Cola \$53,500</li> <li>• Publix (grocery) \$30,600</li> </ul>
<b>Total Ag/Food Money to Senator Signees 2013-2014</b>	<b>\$1,055,539</b>