

ACTIONS TO USHER IN A BETTER FUTURE FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE:

6. Transition to a Just and Resilient Agrifood System



As we transition to a brighter food system, we must not pull out the rug beneath farmers and ranchers stuck in the endless cycles of contracting and debt imposed by industrial agricultural interests. This requires a paradigm shift in our agricultural subsidy programs: intentionally moving towards crop, utility, and livestock subsidies that will feed U.S. citizens, instead of exhausting our soil and lining the pockets of corporations hungry for cheap commodities. A first step is to truly weigh the benefits and consequences of current subsidies. Shifting agricultural subsidies away from specific commodities to nutritious crops, practices, and programs will support farmers and ranchers in all sectors in a safe and just transition to a more prosperous agrifood system, economy, and environmental future.

SUPPORT EXISTING LEGISLATION

- Farm System Reform Act - (116th: H.R.6718/S.3221)
- Agriculture Resilience Act - (116th: H.R.5861)
- Justice for Black Farmers Act of 2020 - (116th: S.4929)

CHAMPION NEW LEGISLATION AND ACTION

- Order AMS to study and examine what crops, practices, and entities are subsidized in the agrifood system, how they are subsidized, how subsidies impact competition in markets, and how subsidies may be shifted to support diversified on-farm practices.
- Redirect federal support and subsidies to incentivize adoption of regenerative agricultural practices, and marketing food products to regional, independent markets.
- Prioritize Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) in federally supported crop insurance packages, and bolster outreach to insurance providers, so farmers and ranchers can diversify their farms with less financial risk.
- Bar agribusiness companies from implementing climate mitigation solutions if they are: 1) net polluters as defined by the EPA, or 2) control over 25% of their respective market(s).