



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:**

	Contributions from Food Industry 2013-2014
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.¹ 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.² 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.³

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.⁴

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.⁵ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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

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

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

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

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)
Tom Cole (R-OK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Crystal Sugar \$10,000
Charlie Dent (R-PA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jaindl Farms \$24,242
Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McKee Foods (makes snack food products like Little Debbie) \$20,700 Pilot Corp (convenient stores) \$9,900
Andy Harris (R-MD)* (also on Agriculture subcommittee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000
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"> Alabama Farmers Federation \$10,250
Mike Simpson (R-ID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JR Simplot (food and agribusiness) \$12,000 National Potato council \$11,000 Agri Beef \$10,750 American Crystal Sugar \$10,000 Monsanto \$10,000 National Cattlemen's Beef Association \$10,000
Steve Womack (R-AR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WalMart (grocery) \$95,250

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyson Foods (beef and poultry) \$12,450 • Ozark Mountain Poultry \$10,400 • National Chicken Council \$10,000
Food Money to Labor/HHS Appropriations House Republicans	\$276,942
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"> • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000
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
Food Money to Labor/HHS Appropriations House Democrats	\$10,000
Total Food Money to House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor/HHS	\$286,942

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"> • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000
Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BASF SE (agribusiness) \$10,000
Robert Aderholt (R-AL)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herbster Angus Farms (cattle) \$15,000 • National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$10,000 • Alabama Farmers Federation \$10,000 • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000 • Farm Credit Council \$10,000 • Monsanto \$10,000
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"> • JR Simplot (agribusiness) \$12,000 • National Potato council \$11,000 • Agri Beef \$10,750 • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monsanto \$10,000 • National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$10,000
John Culberson (R-TX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000
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"> • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000 • Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000
Ken Calvert (R-CA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anderson Seafoods \$10,400 • Swan Farms \$10,400 • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000 • National Association of Convenience Stores \$10,000 • National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$10,000
Tom Cole (R-OK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000
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"> • Jandl Farms \$24,242
Tom Graves (R-GA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coca-Cola Co. \$10,000 • Koch Industries (cattle) \$8,000
Kevin Yoder (R-KS)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bartlett Grain (grain, cattle feed) \$15,600 • Russell Stover Candies \$13,000 • US Salt \$10,400
Steve Womack (R-AR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WalMart (grocery) \$95,250 • Tyson Foods (beef and poultry) \$12,450 • Ozark Mountain Poultry \$10,400 • National Chicken Council \$10,000
Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Crystal Sugar \$7,500
Thomas Rooney (R-FL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publix (grocery stores) \$10,200 • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000
Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McKee Foods (snack foods like Little Debbie) \$20,700 • Pilot Corp. (convenient stores) \$9,900
Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific Bells (Taco Bell) \$10,700 • Pacific Seafood Group \$9,600
David Joyce (R-OH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gamekeepers Restaurant \$10,400 • Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000
David Valadao (R-CA)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land O’Lakes \$13,100 • Koch Industries (cattle) \$11,000 • Nichols Farms (cattle) \$10,900 • California Dairies, Inc \$10,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western United Dairymen \$10,000 • Deere & Co (farming equipment) \$10,000 • Farm Credit Council \$10,000
Andy Harris (R-MD)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koch Industries (cattle) \$10,000
Martha Roby (R-AL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alabama Farmers Federation \$10,250
Mark Amodei (R-NV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Cattlemen’s Beef Association \$5,000
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"> • Sukup Manufacturing (grain storage and processing) \$12,600
Evan Jenkins (R-WV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koch Industries (cattle) \$15,200
Steven Palazzo (R-MS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000
Food Money to House Appropriations Republicans	\$685,942
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"> • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000
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"> • American Crystal Sugar \$7,500
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"> • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000
Sam Farr (D-CA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000 • RC Farms (pig farm) \$7,600
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"> • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000 • Coca-Cola Co. \$10,000
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"> • American Crystal Sugar \$10,000 • Southern Minn Beet Sugar Co-Op \$10,000

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"> Covelli Enterprises (Dairy Queen, Panera, etc) \$10,400
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"> Fanjul Corp. (sugar) \$17,900
Henry Cuellar (D-TX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm Credit Council \$10,000 American Crystal Sugar \$10,000
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"> McDonald's Corp. \$9,250
Derek Kilmer (D-WA)	Unlikely that any of top 20 donors have stake in DGAC, school lunch, or trans fat
Food Money House Appropriations Democrats	\$142,650
Total Food Money to House Appropriations Committee	\$828,592

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

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

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
Food Money to Senate Ag Appropriations Subcommittee Democrats	\$15,000
Total Food Money to Senate Ag Appropriations Subcommittee	\$245,200

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

Senator	Big Ag/Food Donors in Top 20 Donors (2013-2014)
<i>(*indicates that the Member signed March 2015 letter critical of DGAC)</i>	
Roy Blunt (R-MO) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monsanto \$79,250
Jerry Moran (R-KS) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koch Industries (cattle) \$42,000 • Bartlett Grain (grain storage and processing) \$19,900
Richard Shelby (R-AL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tacala LLC (Taco Bell) \$28,766
Thad Cochran (R-MS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanderson Farms (chicken farm) \$31,000 • American Association of Crop Insurers \$20,000 • American Crystal Sugar \$20,000
Lamar Alexander (R-TN) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McKee Foods (snack foods like Little Debbie) \$24,800
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"> • Mazzetta Co (frozen seafood) \$43,300
Bill Cassidy (R-LA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koch Industries (cattle) \$46,200 • B&G Food (Taco Bell, KFC, Long John Silvers, etc) \$33,200
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"> Koch Industries (cattle) \$39,010
Food Money to Senate Labor/HHS Appropriations Subcommittee Republicans	\$427,426
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"> American Crystal Sugar \$15,000
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
Food Money to Senate Labor/HHS Appropriations Subcommittee Democrats	\$15,000
Total Food Money to Senate Labor/HHS Appropriations Subcommittee	\$442,426

Senate Appropriations Full Committee

Senator	Big Ag/Food Donors in Top 20 Donors (2013-2014)
<i>(*indicates that the Member signed March 2015 letter critical of DGAC)</i>	
Thad Cochran (R-MS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanderson Farms (chicken farm) \$31,000 American Association of Crop Insurers \$20,000 American Crystal Sugar \$20,000
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"> Tacala LLC (Taco Bell) \$28,766
Lamar Alexander (R-TN) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McKee Foods (snack foods like Little Debbie) \$24,800
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"> • Trident Seafoods (frozen seafood dishes) \$32,700
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"> • Mazzetta Co (frozen seafood) \$43,300
Roy Blunt (R-MO) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monsanto \$79,250
Jerry Moran (R-KS) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koch Industries (cattle) \$42,000 • Bartlett Grain (grain storage and processing) \$19,900
John Hoeven (R-ND) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Crystal Sugar \$16,850
John Boozman (R-AR) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walmart (grocery) \$63,650 • Tyson Foods \$25,700 • Fowler Foods (franchises KFC, Taco Bell, etc) \$13,319
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"> • Koch Industries (cattle) \$46,200 • B&G Food (Taco Bell, KFC, Long John Silvers, etc) \$33,200
James Lankford (R-OK) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koch Industries (cattle) \$39,010
Steve Daines (R-MT) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koch Industries (cattle) \$41,200
Food Money to Senate Appropriations Republicans	\$620,845
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"> • American Crystal Sugar \$15,000
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
Food Money to Senate Appropriations Democrats	\$15,000
Total Food Money to Senate Appropriations Committee	\$635,845

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.⁶

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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