AGRICULTURE ON THE BALLOT

While there have been many personal attacks in this election cycle, the candidates found time to clarify their food and agriculture policies to appeal to rural voters. Below are some of the key concerns that both candidates have addressed over the course of their campaigns. Updated October 24.

Republican Party	Democratic Party
President of the United States ◯ Donald Trump	**President of the United States** ◯ Hillary Clinton
"We will reduce the power of government bureaucrats, and increase the freedom of our nation's farmers to be as productive as possible." (Farm Bureau News)	***"She will always engage a wide range of stakeholders, including farmers and ranchers, to hear their concerns and ideas for how we can ensure our agriculture sector remains vibrant."*** (Farm Bureau News)
TRADE Will renegotiate NAFTA (Trump Campaign) Will withdraw from the TPP (Trump) Will use WTO arbitration against China (Trump)	**TRADE** Opposes TPP in its current form (Clinton Campaign) Some speculate she may approve TPP (*Politico*) Will use WTO arbitration against China (Farm Futures)
WORKERS Build a wall along the Mexican border (Trump) Suspend new visas (Trump) Overturn amnesty measures (Trump)	**WORKERS** Simplify visa and naturalization processes (Clinton) Supports $12 national minimum wage (Clinton) Supports California's overtime pay law (Clinton, PDF)
FARM BILL Supports crop insurance (*Politico*) Does not plan to cut SNAP (food stamps) funding or separate it from the farm bill (*Modern Farmer*)	**FARM BILL** Supports crop insurance (Farm Bureau, Clinton) Will expand local food hubs, farmers markets, SNAP (food stamps) and rural infrastructure (Clinton)
ETHANOL Posted and removed a statement rebuking RFS (Reuters, Trump) Has since expressed support for RFS (Farm Bureau)	**ETHANOL** Supports RFS (a.k.a. ethanol mandate) (Clinton)
GMOs Supports biotechnology (Iowa Farm Bureau) Opposes GMO labeling (Iowa Farm Bureau)	**GMOs** Supports biotechnology (Genetic Literacy Project) Supports GMO labeling (Inst. For Responsible Tech)
ENVIRON. Advocated for dismantling the EPA (*The Guardian*) Opposes WOTUS and ESA (Farm Bureau)	**ENVIRON.** Supports WOTUS (Farm Futures) Supports EQIP to limit ESA's harm (Clinton)
MISC. Published and later removed a policy calling to eliminate the "FDA food police" (AP)	**MISC.** Voted to end nontherapeutic use of antibiotics in animal ag (Clinton, HSLF)
ADVISERS Trump named 64 agricultural advisers on Aug. 16. While some have since withdrawn support, most continue to advise him (Trump) • Sam Clovis has served as an ag spokesman for Trump's campaign • Iowa agribusiness owner Bruce Rastetter is in consideration for agriculture secretary (*Iowa Informer*) • Nebraska agribusiness owner Charles Herbster has also been profiled as a top ag adviser (*Mother Jones*, *Politico*)	**ADVISERS** Pundits have speculated on several figures: • Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has served as an adviser and is seen as a potential cabinet member (WeAreIowa) • Potential options for agriculture secretary include CA Ag Secretary Karen Ross, fmr. Deputy Ag Secretary Kathleen Merrigan, fmr. Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.), Gov. John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.) and fmr. Gov. Steve Beshear (D-Ky.) (*Politico*)
ACRONYM KEY NAFTA: North American Free Trade Agreement TPP: Trans-Pacific Partnership WTO: World Trade Organization SNAP: Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (a.k.a. food stamps)	RFS: Renewable Fuels Standard (a.k.a. ethanol mandate) WOTUS: Waters of the United States rule (an update to Clean Water Act) ESA: Endangered Species Act EQIP: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (subsidizes conservation practices)

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