

Call to Action
US Working Group on the Food Crisis
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As a result of decades of misguided policies and the recent sharp rise in food prices, a billion people around the world face hunger and food insecurity. Dangerous volatility in the financial system puts these people at even greater risk. We, the undersigned, call on people across the United States to use our political power and actions to fight for food system changes that:

- 1) Stabilize prices for farmers and consumers globally.**
 - *Regulate the finance sector's investment in food and energy commodities.*
 - *Establish and strengthen publicly-owned domestic, regional, and international strategic food reserves.*
 - *Suspend international trade and investments in industrial-scale biofuels (a.k.a. agrofuels).*
 - *Reform food aid.*
 - *Expand fair trade, not so-called free trade.*

- 2) Rebalance power in the food system.**
 - *Reduce the political influence of agribusiness corporations on public policy.*
 - *Strengthen antitrust enforcement in agribusiness.*
 - *Convene multi-stakeholder, representative food policy councils at state and local levels.*

- 3) Make sustainable agriculture the standard.**
 - *Support biodiverse, agroecological family farming in purchasing and procurement.*
 - *Halt expansion of government supported biofuels programs, mandates, and tax incentives and other subsidies unless they only support sustainable, domestic production.*
 - *Direct state and national farm policy, research and education, and investment toward biodiverse, agroecological farming and sustainable food businesses.*

- 4) Guarantee the right to healthy food by building local and regional food systems and fostering social, ecological and economic justice.**
 - *Call on the US to join the community of nations supporting the human right to food.*
 - *Support domestic food production and independent community-based food businesses in the United States and around the world.*
 - *Establish living wages, so that everyone can afford healthy food.*
 - *Implement full workers' rights for farmworkers and other food system workers.*
 - *Strengthen the social safety net for low-income people across the US.*
 - *Create a solidarity economy that puts people before profit in the United States and around the world.*

Endorsed by:

National/International Organizations

Agribusiness Accountability Initiative
Agricultural Missions
Center for International Policy, Americas Program
Church of the Brethren Witness/Washington Office
Community Food Security Coalition
Eating Liberally
Equal Exchange
Family Farm Defenders
Farm Aid
Food & Water Watch
Food Democracy Now!
Food First/Institute for Food and Development Policy
Foundation for Integrative AIDS Research
Grantmakers Without Borders
Grassroots International
Grassroots Netroots Alliance
Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy
International Partners for Sustainable Agriculture
Justice and Witness Ministries, United Church of Christ
K.U.L.U. - Women and Development
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
National Catholic Rural Life Conference
National Family Farm Coalition
Organic Consumers Association
Pesticide Action Network North America
Quixote Center
Rainforest Action Network
Real Food Challenge
Rural Coalition
Solidarité
Slow Food USA
Student Trade Justice Coalition
United Methodist Women
Washington Office, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
White House Organic Farm Project
WHY (World Hunger Year)

Local/Regional Organizations

American Federation of Teachers Local 2258 (Greensboro, NC)
Ansara Family Foundation (Essex, MA)
Basics Cooperative (Janesville, WI)
Bay Area Community Services (Oakland, CA)
Berkshire Co-Op Market (Great Barrington, MA)

Bountiful Cities Project (Asheville, NC)
Broward County Audubon Society (Fort Lauderdale, FL)
California Food and Justice Coalition (Los Angeles, CA)
California School Employees Association (San Jose, CA)
Cambridge United for Justice with Peace (Cambridge, MA)
Central Pennsylvania Food Bank (Harrisburg, PA)
Children's Grief Center of New Mexico (Santa Fe, NM)
Coalition for Justice (Blacksburg, VA)
Community Alliance for Global Justice (Seattle, WA)
Community Farm Alliance (Louisville, KY)
Connecticut Food Bank (New Haven, CT)
Counting Prayers (West Cornwall, CT)
East Harlem Preservation, Inc. (New York, NY)
Farm and Wilderness Foundation (Plymouth, VT)
Farmworker Association of Florida (Apopka, FL)
Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers (Gainesville, FL)
F.R.E.S.H. New London (New London, CT)
Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano (Concord, CA)
Food Sleuth, LLC (Columbia, MO)
Food Systems Integrity (Arlington, MA)
GMO-Free Maui (Makawao, HI)
Grow Strong (San Marcos, CA)
Grupo Jaragua (Hampton, GA)
Human Earth Animal Liberation (HEAL) (Seattle, WA)
Hobbs Community Farm (Mount Sinai, NY)
Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Citrus County, Inc. (Homosassa Springs, FL)
Jemez Helping Hands (Jemez, NM)
Jewish Vegetarians of North America (Newport News, VA)
Just Food (New York, NY)
Kitchen Table Project (Milwaukee, WI)
LCC People for Positive Change (Lansing, MI)
Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern (Bethlehem, PA)
Lost River Community Co-Op (Paoli, IN)
Missouri Rural Crisis Center (Columbia, MO)
Network for Environmental and Economic Responsibility/United Church of Christ (Pleasant Hill, TN)
New England Small Farm Institute (Belchertown, MA)
New York Citizens Trade Coalition (New York, NY)
New York City Nutrition Education Network (New York, NY)
Niantic Community Church (Niantic, CT)
Northeast Organic Farming Association, Massachusetts Chapter (Wendell, MA)
Northwest Resistance Against Genetic Engineering (Portland, OR)
NRI Community Services (Providence, RI)
Ollin Tlahtoalli (McNeal, AZ)
Organization of Aggie Students Inspiring Sustainability (Las Cruces, NM)
Park Slope Food Coop, Safe Food Committee (Brooklyn, NY)

Partners in Healthy Communities (Lyme, CT)
Pennsylvania Association of Regional Food Banks (Canonsburg, PA)
Pensacola Patriots for Peace (Pensacola, FL)
Peoples Empowerment Project (Santa Rosa, CA)
Pueblo of Pojoaque Poha Community Food Project (Santa Fe, NM)
Portland Fruit Tree Project (Portland, OR)
Post Oil Solutions (Brattleboro, VT)
Raritan Valley Community College Student Government Association (Manville, NJ)
Regeneration: Wellesley College Farm Group (Wellesley, MA)
SEED Wayne (Detroit, MI)
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (Nazareth, KY)
Springsteen Fans Fighting Hunger (Verona, WI)
Students for Sustainability (Tuscaloosa, AL)
SunPacific Solar Electric (Santa Barbara, CA)
Sustainable Agriculture of Louisville (Louisville, KY)
Synchronized Chaos (San Lorenzo, CA)
Corporation for Economic Opportunity (Columbia, SC)
The Dome (Roscoe, IL)
Theater of the Oppressed Laboratory (New York, NY)
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1500 (New York, NY)
University of Washington Sierra Student Coalition (Seattle, WA)
Urban & Environmental Policy Institute (Los Angeles, CA)
West Harlem Action Network Against Poverty (New York, NY)
West Side Campaign Against Hunger (New York, NY)
Wild Oats Co-Op Market (Williamstown, MA)
...and others