

Central Issues in the Food and Agricultural System

A Resource Guide

Introduction

This document is a resource guide outlining some of the key articles, books, organizations, and websites that deal with structural problems in the food and agricultural system. The issues covered in this guide are: agribusiness consolidation, the WTO and agricultural trade, agricultural subsidies, agribusiness and agricultural influence over politics, agricultural dumping, food sovereignty and community food security, and agricultural sector workers. The resources that are bolded with a star next to them are the most useful resources for that particular category. Most articles that are listed can be found on the internet.

General Overview of Agriculture and Trade

Books/Articles:

- Bruckner, et al., "Toward a Global Food and Agriculture Policy," Iowa State University.
- "For I was Hungry and You Gave me Food," National Catholic Rural Life Conference.
- McLaughlin, *World Food Security: A Catholic View of Food Policy in the New Millennium*, 2002.
- *** Murphy, "WTO Agreement on Agriculture Basics," Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy.**
- *** Ray, et al., "Rethinking U.S. Agricultural Policy: Changing Course to Secure Farmer Livelihoods Worldwide," Agricultural Policy Analysis Center (APAC), University of Tennessee.**
- *** Smaller, "Planting the Rights Seed: A Human Rights Perspective on Agriculture Trade and the WTO," Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy.**
- "Strengthening Rural Communities, 2005" Bread for the World.

Organizations/Websites:

- *** Agribusiness Accountability Initiative** – www.agribusinessaccountability.org
- Agricultural Policy Analysis Center – www.agpolicy.org
- *** Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy** – www.iatp.org
- International Food Policy Research Institute – www.ifpri.org
- National Catholic Rural Life Conference – www.ncrlc.com
- *** National Family Farm Coalition** – www.nffc.net
- University of California (Davis) – case.ucdavis.edu/AcadProg/centers/AgSci
- University of Massachusetts (Amherst) – www.umass.edu/agcenter
- University of Wisconsin (Madison) – www.cias.wisc.edu
- *** Via Campesina** – www.viacampesina.org

Agribusiness Consolidation

Articles/Books:

- Heffernan, “Consolidation in the Food and Agricultural System,” University of Missouri.
- Hendrickson and Heffernan, “Consolidation of Agricultural Markets,” University of Missouri.
- O’Driscoll, “Part of the Problem: Trade, Transnational Corporations, and Hunger,” Agribusiness Accountability Initiative.
- Vorley, “Corporate Concentration from Farmer to Consumer.”
- Wise, “The Paradox of Agricultural Subsidies: Measurement Issues, Agricultural Dumping, and Policy Reform.”

Organizations/Websites:

- Agribusiness Accountability Initiative – www.agribusinessaccountability.org
- National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture – www.sustainableagriculture.net

The WTO and Agricultural Trade

Books/Articles:

- Hernandez, “Incorporating Gender Considerations for the Designation of Special Products in WTO Agriculture Negotiations,” International Gender and Trade Network.
- * Mercier, “The WTO and US Agricultural Policy: Intersections and Consequences,” CHOICES.
- * Murphy, “WTO Agreement on Agriculture Basics,” Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy.
- Murphy, “Will the Doha Round Play a Role in Ending Global Poverty,” Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy.
- Polaski, “Agricultural Negotiations at the WTO: First, Do No Harm,” Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Organizations/Websites:

- * Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy – www.iatp.org
- International Gender and Trade Network – www.igtn.org
- World Trade Organization – www.wto.org

Agricultural Subsidies

Books/Articles:

- Environmental Working Group, “What’s the Plan: U.S. Farm Subsidies, 1995-2003.”
- Flinchbaugh and Knutson, “The Agricultural Policy Outlook: Looking Back Focuses the Road Ahead,” CHOICES, 2004.
- McGranahan and Sullivan, “Farm Programs, Natural Amenities, and Rural Development,” Economic Research Service of the USDA.
- Ray, “Subsidies and Production,” Agricultural Policy Analysis Center.
- Ray, “What is an Agricultural Subsidy?” Agricultural Policy Analysis Center.
- *** Wise, “Understanding the Farm Problem: Six Common Errors in Presenting Farm Statistics.”**

Organizations/Websites:

- Agricultural Policy Analysis Center – www.agpolicy.org
- Environmental Working Group – www.ewg.org
- National Family Farm Coalition – www.nffc.net

Agribusiness and Agricultural Influence over Politics

Books/Articles:

- Action Aid International, “Power Hungry: Six Reasons to Regulate Global Food Corporations.”
- *** Mattera, “USDA Inc.: How Agribusiness has Hijacked Regulatory Policy at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.”**
- Romano, “Johanns Hits the Ground Running with a Seasoned Team,” *Washington Post*, 6 June 2005.

Organizations/Websites:

- Agribusiness Accountability Initiative – www.agribusinessaccountability.org
- *** Center for Responsive Politics – www.crp.org**
- The Center for Public Integrity – www.publicintegrity.org

Agricultural Dumping:

Books/Articles:

- *** Murphy, “WTO Agreement on Agriculture: A Decade of Dumping,” Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, 2005.**
- Oxfam, “Food Aid or Hidden Dumping.”

- Ritchie, “Dumping as a Structural Feature of U.S. Agriculture,” Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy.
- Wise, “Barking up the Wrong Tree: Agricultural Subsidies, Dumping and Policy Reform.”

Organizations/Websites:

- Food First – www.foodfirst.org
- *** Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy** – www.iatp.org
- Oxfam America – www.oxfamamerica.org

Food Sovereignty and Community Food Security

Books/Articles:

- American Friends Service Committee, “Trade, Democracy, and Public Goods.”
- Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, “CAFTA Benefits Agribusiness over Farmers.”
- Schwind, “Going Local on a Global Scale: Rethinking Food Trade in the Era of Climate Change, Dumping, and Rural Poverty,” Food First.
- Steward, “Farming for Families and Food, Not Corporate Profits,” Foreign Policy in Focus.
- Via Campesina, “Food Sovereignty: Global Rallying Cry of Farmer Movements.”
- *** Via Campesina, “What is Food Sovereignty?”**

Organizations/Websites:

- American Friends Service Committee – www.afsc.org
- ***Community Food Security Coalition** – www.foodsecurity.org
- National Family Farm Coalition – www.nffc.net
- Public Citizen – www.tradewatch.org
- ***Via Campesina** – www.viacampesina.org

Agricultural Sector Workers

Organizations/Websites:

- Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs – www.afop.org
- CATA – www.cata-farmworkers.org
- *** Coalition of Immokalee Workers** – www.ciw-online.org
- Farmworker Justice Fund Inc – www.fwjjustice.org
- National Catholic Rural Life Conference – www.ncrlc.com
- National Farm Worker Ministry – www.nfwm.org
- United Farm Workers – www.ufw.org