

Top 11 Food and Agriculture Industry Front Groups

Front Group	Spending 2009-2013*	Leading Corporate Board Members or Donors†	Issue Focus‡	Year Founded
U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance	\$28,677,666	Monsanto, Dow Chemical, DuPont	Defends GMOs, pesticides, routine antibiotic use in livestock	2010
International Food Information Council	\$24,167,350	Coca-Cola, Pfizer Animal Health, Kraft Foods, The Hershey Company	Defends GMOs, processed foods, BPA, sugar, additives, routine antibiotic use in livestock	1985
Center for Food Integrity	\$20,988,003	Monsanto, National Restaurant Assn., United Soybean Board	Defends pesticides, routine antibiotics use in livestock, GMOs	2007
Council for Biotechnology information	\$16,729,325	Monsanto, BASF, Dow, Bayer, DuPont, Syngenta	Promotes safety and necessity of GMOs	2000
Center for Consumer Freedom	\$ 15,880,295	Coca Cola, Tyson Foods, Arby's, Hooters	Attacks minimum wage, Humane Society, organics, sugar-sweetened beverage regulation	1996
American Council on Science and Health§	\$9,107,245	Chevron, Coca-Cola, McDonald's	Defends soda, BPA, GMOs, processed foods, attacks organics	1978
Global Harvest Initiative	\$4,904,123	Monsanto, Elanco, DuPont, IBM, John Deere	Promotes GMOs as solution to feeding the world	2009
Animal Agriculture Alliance	\$2,686,713	National Pork Board, Bayer, Elanco, American Feed Industry Assn.	Defends routine use of antibiotic in livestock and other industrial livestock practices	1987
Protect the Harvest	\$1,371,941	Lucas Oil and Lucas Cattle Company	Attacks the Humane Society, defends industrial farming practices	2011
Alliance for Food and Farming	\$1,205,218	California Farm Bureau Federation, Western Growers, Produce Marketing Association	Defends pesticides, disparages organics	1989
Coalition for Safe and Affordable Food	N/A**	Grocery Manufacturers Association, Biotechnology Industry Organization, CropLife America	Fights GMO labeling, attacks organics	2014

* Based on 2009-2013 IRS Form 990s

† Based on 2013 IRS Form 990s or organizational websites. Corporations listed are either members, donors or their executives serve on the boards of these organizations.

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§ 2013 data not available at time of publication. 2013 figure is an average of previously available expenses.

** Founded too recently to have reported expenditures