
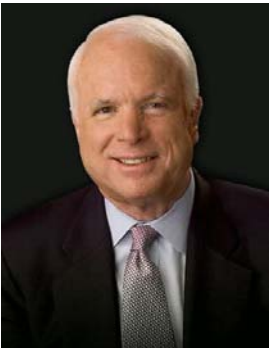



# A Brief Guide to the Republican Presidential Candidates' Positions on Food and Farm Issues

	Farm Bill & Subsidies	Nutrition	Country of Origin Labeling	Organic Food & Local Food	CAFOs	Small Farms & Consolidation
 <p>Former Governor Mitt Romney</p>	<p>"Europe and other nations continue to protect their farmers with a heavy subsidization program and we're not going to take action which would put us at a competitive disadvantage for our farmers."<sup>11</sup></p>	<p>Self-described as "vigilant about nutrition." Romney eats the same "healthy" breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day and runs regularly. However, he has made no comments on improving national nutrition through policy.<sup>13</sup></p>	<p>No information available.</p>	<p>Makes no statement on local or organic food.</p>	<p>No information available.</p>	<p>"Investing in agriculture is key to our economy and families. America's farmers not only provide food for our dinner table, but they will play a critical role in lessening our reliance on foreign oil."</p> <p>"Governor Romney is strongly committed to family farmers across this nation."<sup>12</sup></p>
 <p>Senator John McCain</p>	<p>Opposed to ethanol subsidies, as included in Farm Bill, but not to subsidies in general. When campaigning in Iowa stated that he now supports ethanol, because he sees no end to high oil prices.</p> <p>"I do not support the level of subsidies that we now have in the present farm bill and I want to see us reduce those subsidies."<sup>10</sup></p>	<p>Recommends teaching children about nutrition and fitness. No specifics given about funding for these initiatives.<sup>4</sup></p> <p>Co-sponsored the Child Nutrition Act in 1998, "to create enrichment programs for at risk youth."<sup>5</sup></p>	<p>Voted against Country of Origin Labeling.<sup>1</sup></p>	<p>Makes no statement on local or organic food.</p>	<p>Voted against packer ban in 2002.<sup>2</sup></p>	<p>"Farming and agriculture production is part of the backbone of our great country. As president, I will support addressing the larger needs of the farming community abiding by the same standards of common sense and fiscal restraint as demonstrated by our nation's hardworking families."<sup>3</sup></p>
 <p>Former Governor Michael Huckabee</p>	<p>Opposed to ethanol subsidies, as included in Farm Bill, but not to subsidies in general. When campaigning in Iowa stated that he now supports ethanol, because he sees no end to high oil prices.</p> <p>"I do not support the level of subsidies that we now have in the present farm bill and I want to see us reduce those subsidies."<sup>10</sup></p>	<p>Sponsored "Healthy Arkansas" initiative which grants time off for state employees who stay healthy, and gives workers 1/2 hour off per day to exercise.</p> <p>"McDonald's doesn't make people fat. Individuals overeating makes people fat."<sup>6</sup></p>	<p>No information available.</p>	<p>"Wait until this country messes up and has to depend on foreign food — that should never happen in the United States of America!"<sup>8</sup></p> <p>"Being able to feed ourselves is not just sound economic and agricultural policy, it is wise security policy."<sup>9</sup></p>	<p>No information available.</p>	<p>No information available.</p> 