

Congress is in the process of updating the nation's agricultural policy for the first time since 2002 to see if it can serve the interest of all America's farmers and ranchers. This is a food bill as well. Everyone who eats is affected by our food and farm policy. Michael Pollen explained how the farm bill is the reason that a package of twinkies which contains 39 complex ingredients costs less than a bunch of carrots straight from the farm.

The farm bill should serve all Americans not just a few special interests. Today, 70% of the payments go to the richest 10% of the farmers while 60% of America's farmers and ranchers get no support whatsoever. It is time for a food and farm bill of rights to provide a comprehensive guide to reform the farm bill. We must move beyond the policies that were written for the depression in the 1950's to one designed for the world we live in today and more important the world we want to live in tomorrow.