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Why is U.S. food and farming dominated by junk food peddlers like Pepsi, genetic engineering giants like Monsanto (now Bayer) and factory farm titans like Tyson Foods?

Every five years, their lobbyists write a piece of legislation known as the Farm Bill that doles out billions of our tax dollars in subsidies that grease the wheels of their big-profits-from-cheap-food machine.

Sure, there are some good Farm Bill programs for regenerative organic agriculture and local food, but they're woefully underfunded.

Will that ever change? Not if we don't use our people power to balance the campaign cash our corporate nemeses keep throwing at our Congresspeople.

The new Farm Bill will determine how an estimated \$1.5 trillion will be spent on food and farming over the next decade.

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The FDA is Failing the Public

Mary Elizabeth Williams, a Senior Writer for Salon, reports:

"If you want to get a sense of how vast and concerning the problem with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is, where do you start? A 2022 investigation by the journal The BMJ declared that FDA oversight of clinical trials, including those for Pfizer and Moderna's mRNA Covid-19 vaccines, was "grossly inadequate," from not conducting enough inspections to failing to alert scientific journals or the public when violations were flagged.

In December, the results of an 18-month congressional investigation into the FDA's conduct, allegedly 'rife with irregularities' approving the Biogen costly Alzheimer's drug Aduhelm were released.

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What is the Deal with Fair Trade Labels?

Ryan Nebeker, Food Print, reports:

"You might not know it from its generally low price tag, but chocolate has a host of production issues, from child labor on cacao farms to issues with deforestation. Chocolate isn't alone in this either: many of our everyday foods, like coffee, bananas and more, are tropical products with invisible supply chains. A number of labels, especially those that invoke "fair trade," market themselves as a more ethical option, but they usually come at a price premium. So how can you tell if paying extra is worth it? How do fair trade products differ from their conventional counterparts? And does paying more for these products actually guarantee anything meaningful for the people who produced them?

What is the Fair Trade Movement?

Who are the Fair Trade Organizations in the U.S.?

What are Differences between the U.S. Fair Trade Labels?

Explore Fair Trade Labels in Our Food Label Guide"

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3qEUdXb>

U.S. Bullies Mexico Over GM-Corn Restrictions

Timothy Wise reports:

"Ever since Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador issued his initial 2020 decree restricting genetically modified (GM) corn and glyphosate imports and uses, U.S. commodity and agribusiness groups have been sounding alarms about the economic damages the measures would cause. The alarms kept ringing even after a series of productive negotiations resulted in a new decree in February 2023 that reduced the immediate restrictions on GM corn, postponing any action on GM feed corn imports and restricting only the use of GM corn in the tortilla-masa food chain.

One of the more prevalent and flawed assumptions is that U.S. farmers cannot and will not grow non-GM corn if Mexico demands it. That is absurd."

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Geoengineering Sounds Like a Quick Climate Fix, But It's a Costly Gamble – With Potentially Harmful Results

David Kitchen, Associate Professor of Geology at the University of Richmond, writes for The Conversation:

"When soaring temperatures, extreme weather and catastrophic wildfires hit the headlines, people start asking for quick fixes to climate change. The U.S. government just announced the first awards from a US\$3.5 billion fund for projects that promise to pull carbon dioxide out of the air. Policymakers are also exploring more invasive types of geoengineering – the deliberate, large-scale manipulation of Earth's natural systems...

Geoengineering, theoretically, aims to restore that balance, either by removing excess carbon dioxide from the atmosphere or reflecting solar energy away from Earth.

But changing Earth's complex and interconnected climate system may have unintended consequences. Changes that help one region could harm another, and the effects may not be clear until it's too late.

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Apeel and Edible Coatings in Organic

The Cornucopia Institute reports:

"If you're one of the many organic consumers with questions or concerns about the food preservation product called Apeel, Cornucopia has answers. We believe consumers have the right to know what they are eating, not only to protect themselves but to support agricultural practices deserving of their investment.

We've done extensive research to cut through misinformation and marketing copy. Read our guide, which includes some tips on what you can do to demand transparency around an ingredient you may not even know you're eating.

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