

We Need a More Resilient Food System



The nation's food supply has changed from one sustained by family farms to a system of consolidation and concentrated food processing operations. This weakness in our food supply chain has caused disconnect between the producer and consumer.

Food Chains have become extremely complex and one break in the food chain and the whole system falls apart, as apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of the shortages seen across supermarkets were due to stockpiling by people searching for a greater sense of security in a time of crisis.

Most agricultural products are being shipped 1000 miles to mega processing plants to be processed and packaged and then shipped back 1000 miles to be put on our local grocery shelves.

Localizing food systems will shorten supply chains. This not only supports food security for the general public, but also helps communities.

- Congress needs to pass legislative reform that will localize food processing and create a competitive market for our farmers and ranchers.
- Congress must make enforcement of existing anti-trust laws, barring multi-national meat packing companies from controlling the industry a priority.
- Congress must pass legislation on mandatory Country-of-Origin Labeling.

The time to act is now to protect our food system!

Sincerely,
