

Although the pandemic has disrupted many things, it has not stopped the campaigns of President Donald Trump or former Vice President Joe Biden. The Biden campaign has laid out detailed policy plans while the Trump administration has pledged to extend its past efforts. Here we focus on how their agendas will affect key food and agricultural production issues.

	TRUMP	BIDEN
	<p>"I'll tell you, you can go back to Abraham Lincoln and there's no President that's treated the farmers like Trump."</p> <p>– President Donald Trump (White House)</p>	<p>"As president, Biden will ... strengthen our agriculture sector by pursuing a trade policy that works for farmers, supporting beginning farmers, fostering the development of regional food systems, promoting biofuels, and partnering with farmers to achieve net-zero emissions, giving farmers new sources of income in the process."</p> <p>– Biden Campaign</p>
Trade	<p>Used tariffs extensively in a trade war with China, resulting in lower agriculture exports from the United States</p> <p>Signed the "Phase One" trade deal with China to recover ag exports</p> <p>Has threatened to withdraw from the WTO</p>	<p>Will work with allies to pressure China</p> <p>Will reexamine tariffs</p> <p>Will remain in WTO</p>
Workers	<p>Has not increased the minimum wage</p> <p>Has restricted immigration, with exemptions for farmworkers</p>	<p>Will raise federal minimum wage to \$15/hr.</p> <p>Supports unions, including for farmworkers</p> <p>Would provide path to citizenship for immigrant farmworkers</p>
Business	<p>Has focused on deregulation, such as cutting taxes, delisting endangered species and repealing WOTUS</p>	<p>Will use antitrust laws to address consolidation in meatpacking industry</p>
Sustainability	<p>Administration committed to boosting farm production by 40% while lowering environmental footprint by 50% by 2050</p>	<p>Will expand Conservation Stewardship Program</p> <p>Will rely on farmers' ability to sequester carbon in soil as part of a plan to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions</p>
Ethanol	<p>Expanded use of waivers that allow oil refiners to blend in less ethanol</p> <p>Lifted limits on E15 blends of gasoline</p>	<p>Will increase ethanol use as part of plan to boost renewable energy sources</p>

ACRONYM KEY:

WTO: World Trade Organization | **WOTUS:** Waters of the United States rule (an update to the Clean Water Act) | **E15:** gasoline blended with 15% ethanol

Looking for more details? Check out the sources below:

American Farm Bureau Federation: [Presidential Candidate Questionnaire](#)

Trump Campaign: [Trade & Foreign Policy, Land and Agriculture](#)

Biden Campaign: [Rural America, Workers and Unions](#)

The Economist: [How would Joe Biden change America's trade policy?](#)

Politico: [Biden won't rule out new tariffs, adviser says](#)

Politico: [Trump's massive payouts to farmers will be hard to pull back](#)

Civil Eats: [Kamala Harris Brings Food Justice to the Democratic Ticket](#)

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