

# QUESTIONNAIRE

## Land of Plenty

### How Should We Ensure that People Have the Food They Need?

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NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD a chance to participate in a forum on this issue, we'd like to know what you are thinking. Your opinions, along with those of thousands of others who participated in these forums, will be reflected in a summary report that will be available to all citizens, including those who took part in the forums, as well as officeholders, members of the news media, and others in your community.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
1. Do you agree or disagree with the statements below?					
a. The government should provide tax incentives for grocery stores to operate in rural and inner city areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. The government should raise the minimum wage so people can afford to buy their own food, rather than relying on government food programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. Lack of information and knowledge is the main reason people make poor food decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. The government should redirect subsidies currently provided for unhealthy agricultural products (e.g. the corn used for high fructose corn syrup) to subsidies for healthy vegetables and fruits.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. Schools, colleges, hospitals, prisons, and other public institutions should sharply reduce the amount of beef they use to reduce the negative environmental impacts of the beef-production industry.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure
a. We should tax soft drinks and other sugary beverages that contribute to health problems, EVEN IF this means the government is acting like the "Nanny State," telling us what we can and can't do.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. The government should increase federal nutrition and food-assistance programs, EVEN IF it means cutting back on what we spend on other important areas, such as education.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. Schools, colleges, and other public institutions should include regional and cultural food options (like Southern fried chicken), EVEN IF they aren't always the healthiest choices.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. In order to keep food affordable, we should use farming methods that provide the highest yield at the lowest cost, EVEN IF it means using chemical fertilizers and pesticides.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. To reduce food waste in landfills, cities should establish mandatory curbside food-compost pickup programs, EVEN IF people find it inconvenient to separate their trash into various components.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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3. Did you talk about aspects of the issue you hadn't considered before?  Yes  No

If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Were there ideas or proposals that you tended to favor coming into the forum that you now have second thoughts about?

Yes  No

If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What could citizens, working together, do in their own communities to address this problem? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Not including this forum, how many National Issues Forums have you attended?

0  1-3  4-6  7 or more  Not sure

7. Are you male or female?  Male  Female  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

8. How old are you?

17 or younger  18-30  31-45  46-64  65 or older

9. Are you:  African American  Asian American  Hispanic or Latino  
 Native American  White/Caucasian  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Where do you live?  Rural  Small Town  Large City  Suburb

11. What is your ZIP code? \_\_\_\_\_ What state do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What issue would you like to see covered in a future forum? \_\_\_\_\_

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