

## A Conversation with a Nutritionist: Melinda Johnson

By Julie Murphree, Arizona Farm Bureau Communication Director

*Yes, the scientists solicited to develop the USDA dietary guidelines are highly regarded for their scientific literacy; but Johnson points out that politics can leak into the final recommendations.*

Melinda Johnson is a Registered Dietitian, and works as a Clinical Associate Professor of Nutrition at Arizona State University, where she also manages the program for future Registered Dietitians.

Johnson's career has allowed her to be active with the media, serving as a Spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for a decade and also contributing a monthly column to the US News website called Eat+Run. Johnson is an Arizona native, and she is a proud alumni of Project CENTRL, class XXII.

As Arizona Farm Bureau works more and more with nutritionists and draws counsel from food advocates like Johnson, the farmer nutritionist partnership will continue to grow. Currently, Arizona Farm Bureau's Fill Your Plate partners with ASU nutrition communication students to support the website's weekly blog.

In this backdrop, Arizona Agriculture wanted to visit with Johnson about some critical issues dealing with food, the Farm to Table movement and much more.

**Arizona Agriculture:** What's "big" in the nutrition circles right now?

**Johnson:** It depends on the circle. The "paleo" diet continues to be big with college students, especially those that are into the CrossFit type of workout which continues to gain in popularity due to the show *American Ninja Warrior!* Fad diets in general are always big with the general population, we just insert a different fad diet depending on the year. Plant-based eating is always big in nutrition professional circles, and the Mediterranean-style of eating is still hot with nutrition professionals.

**Arizona Agriculture:** How can the nutrition experts and

agriculture work together more?

**Johnson:** I am a big fan of connecting with each other through social media, but this takes a conscious effort, because it's easy to stay stuck in your own professional silo. I love to browse the #Agchat conversations on Twitter, they lead me to finding very interesting agricultural accounts, and I always learn something new. In the world of dietitians, #RDchat is used very often, so agriculture people can follow that hashtag to interact with registered dietitians.

Offering agriculture tours to nutrition interns or nutrition professionals is my other favorite way of working together. Our ASU interns go visit local dairies to learn about the industry and ask questions.

Finally, I do wish we would do better at cross-promoting our different conferences and meetings, to invite each other to attend or even present. When I had my year-long experience with the leadership program through Project CENTRL, it really hit home with me how refreshing it was to be sitting in a room full of people from all different industries because I'm usually just surrounded by Registered Dietitians when I go to conferences!

**Arizona Agriculture:** What's your take on the Farm to Table movement?

**Johnson:** I like that the public is getting more interested in knowing where their food is coming from and wanting to support local farmers. However, I would like to start to expand the public's idea of "local" to really support that all agriculture has a "local" reality to it wherever it ends up. So, the Farm to Table movement at least has people thinking about where their food started out, and they may be surprised to learn that "local" might be hiding in their own grocery store!

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Arizona Farm Bureau is happy to hear Nutritionist and Project CENTRL alum Melinda Johnson report that "in social media, the next big thing is in short videos, especially cooking - social media is moving towards visuals instead of text, and will probably continue to do so."

## Arizona Farm Bureau Endorses Gosar, McCain and McSally

By Joe Sigg, Arizona Farm Bureau Government Relations Director and Ana Kennedy Otto, Arizona Farm Bureau Government Relations Manager

Senator John McCain and Representative Martha McSally both have challengers in the upcoming general election race. While not running as a team, we single them both out for their strength on natural resource issues and national defense.

As to the former, we have found our organization to be very compatible on these issues, and the knowledge, experience and strength they both bring our country on national defense and security are key for us.

We have endorsed Senator McCain in the past for both the Presidency and the Senate, and despite having a good relationship with his challenger, nothing has changed in our



Senator McCain

Representative McSally

respect for the Senator, but we do add that he was given a Friend of Farm Bureau award by the American Farm Bureau.

Representative McSally (R-District 2) had a 100% rating from the American Farm Bureau in her award of the Friend of Farm Bureau. We appreciate her work in the U.S. House.



Representative Paul Gosar's voting record also earned him the Friend of Farm Bureau award, which was presented to him in September in Washington, D.C. by Arizona Farm Bureau President Kevin Rogers, First Vice President Stefanie Smallhouse and the rest of the Arizona Farm Bureau National Government Relations Committee.

ment overreach by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Forest Service to national monument designations and the Mexican wolf. Congressman Gosar's voting record also earned him the Friend of Farm Bureau award, which was presented to him in September in Washington, D.C. by President Kevin Rogers and Arizona Farm Bureau's National Government Relations Committee. 🐾

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# Candidates Babeu and O'Halleran Are Asked to Answer the Tough Questions

By Joe Sigg and Ana Kennedy Otto with Arizona Farm Bureau's Government Relations and By Julie Murphree, with the Communication, Ag Education and Marketing.

Each candidate vying for Congressional District 1 was asked to answer three critical questions important to our farm and ranch constituents from this large and important district. These questions represent the agriculture community and deserve the candidate's critical attention.

Over the years, we've seen the federal government's encroachment on state lands and the abuse of the Endangered Species Act. Now, rural counties are facing issues with the Affordable Health Care law as reasonably priced and viable insurance options dwindle. In Pinal County, not a single insurer was willing to offer a marketplace option to the nearly 10,000 people now enrolled until Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona announced last month that it had decided to maintain its presence there after reporting rates will increase by 51% in 2017 (we are told new subsidies will be available to Arizona residents next year).

## The Questions:

1. *Do you support the Grand Canyon National Monument?*
2. *How do you deal with the conflict caused by the introduction of the Mexican wolf in your district?*
3. *What is your solution to the failure of the Affordable Health Care Act in Rural Arizona?*

The two candidates in the general election are Republican candidate Paul Babeu and Democratic candidate Tom O'Halleran. Their answers follow.



**Paul Babeu**  
Republican Candidate

The federal government's intrusion into Arizona's land management has rankled farmers, cattlemen and state leaders for years.

The federal government owns at least 42 percent of Arizona's vast land. But their stewardship and rules about how the state must maintain its lands prevent responsible growth, costs taxpayers and threatens our private property rights.

Nowhere is that more evident than in two federal initiatives: The reintroduction of the Mexican gray wolf and a new Grand Canyon National Monument.

President Obama is considering turning 1.7 million acres near the Grand Canyon as a new national monument that would be off limits for economic development, especially mining and grazing.

This power grab by the Obama Administration hurts Arizonans. State residents and visitors already enjoy gorgeous vistas, abundant camping grounds and nature's greatest monument without further federal designations.

The state and local communities are fighting environmentalists and the Obama Administration to restrict introduction of the gray wolf in certain areas of Arizona. I will champion that fight. Much of the gray wolf population should reside in Mexico. But introducing them to areas in northern Arizona outside what is believed their natural habitat makes no sense. This expensive proposition wastes money and time. The gray wolf has a home and it is in northern Mexico.

The Environmental Protection Agency powers also must be reined in. The EPA is looking to shutter coal-fired power plants across the country, including several in Congressional District 1. The EPA is out of control and Congress must come to the aid of Arizonans who would have to pay substantially higher utility rates if coal plants shut down. The Navajo Generating Station is a huge economic driver for the Navajo Nation but it also powers the Central Arizona Project canal that feeds Colorado River water to millions of residents and many farmers. I will fight any effort to close NGS.

Obamacare must also be replaced. The alleged Affordable Care Act provides little care and is not affordable, at least for government. In 14 of the state's 15 counties, only one provider is available for residents. In Pinal County, we lost all providers until Blue Cross/Blue Shield decided to serve residents there. However, it requires a substantial government subsidy and a large increase in premiums.

There's a better way. We must open up health care plans to competition. As we all know, competition means better outcomes with smaller price tags. I will work with House Speaker Paul Ryan to replace Obamacare with something that provides real health care options for Arizonans without a huge price tag for government or businesses.

It is time the federal government ends its intrusive ways and allow Arizona to prosper. When I am elected to Congress, one of my priorities will be rolling back the many regulations that blunt Arizona's success.



**Tom O'Halleran**  
Democratic Candidate

*As to the Grand Canyon Monument:* I have publicly supported this monument. However, I do believe there are far too many executive orders and Congress should be doing its job, so the debates can take place between locally elected members of Congress and their constituents. Moreover, I do not favor actions that stymie economic development, tourism, jobs and property rights. Arizona's rural communities need jobs and job growth, along with respect for our heritage, and this does not begin with eroding jobs that already exist in these areas. For example, some of our best paying rural jobs are in the energy sector of District 1, and it makes no sense to disrupt this job base, when we already need more.

*Resolving conflicts over the Mexican wolf issue:* Interestingly enough, this is the first time this question has been asked in the campaign, but I appreciate the issue is important to outdoor enthusiasts, as well as many in the ranching community. The specific answer to the question is conflict over public policy issues can only

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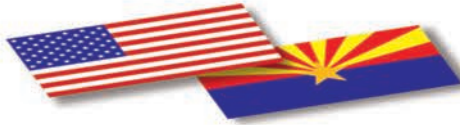
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# A Rundown of Presidential Candidates' Positions on Agriculture

*This year's presidential election is one for the history books even before the November 8th General Election.*

*Farm Bureau sought to identify the campaign positions on agriculture of Trump and Clinton.*

## Donald Trump Republican Candidate for President



## Hillary Clinton Democratic Candidate for President

### Regulatory Reform

*As president, what actions will you take to minimize the federal government's regulatory burden on businesses such as farming and ranching? Will you support regulatory reform to ensure that federal regulations pass a cost-benefit test and make the process of writing new regulations more transparent?*

#### TRUMP RESPONSE:

"Our nation's regulatory system is completely broken. Terrible rules are written by unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats who often know nothing about the people they are regulating. The regulators have all of the power, and our nation's farmers are often forced to endure costly, burdensome, and unwise regulations that are bad for American farmers and consumers. In many instances, extreme environmental groups have more influence in setting the regulations than the farmers and ranchers who are directly impacted. Hillary Clinton will do the bidding of the radical environmentalists. Whether through excessive land-use restrictions that impact farmers and ranchers, environmental requirements that impose enormous costs on farmers, or over-reaching food product regulations, federal regulatory burdens have increased dramatically in recent years. This must change.

As President, I will work with Congress to reform our regulatory system. We will reduce the power of government bureaucrats, and increase the freedom of our nation's farmers to be as productive as possible. We will increase transparency and accountability in the regulatory process. Rational cost-benefit tests will be used to ensure that any regulation is justified before it is adopted. Unjustified regulations that are bad for American farmers and consumers will be changed or repealed. There will be no more "sue and settle" deals with extreme environmentalists."

#### CLINTON RESPONSE:

"Hillary is committed to operating the U.S. government in as open and transparent a way as possible. She will continue and expand the open-government initiatives started by the current Administration and will direct federal agencies to increase the amount of information they voluntarily disclose online.

As president, she will always engage a wide range of stakeholders, including farmers and ranchers, to hear their concerns and ideas for how we can ensure our agriculture sector remains vibrant. If there are implementation challenges with a particular regulation, Hillary will work with all stakeholders to address them."

### Farm Bill

*Federal farm programs and crop insurance provide an important safety net and risk management tool for farmers and ranchers, as well as consumers. Farm programs help keep America's farmers growing, even after a "bad year," so our consumers can continue to enjoy a plentiful, affordable food supply. It also provides food security for at-risk segments of the consumer population. Our nation is stronger when the alignment between farm and food assistance policies exists.*

*Farm programs cost less than 1 percent of our entire federal budget, while they keep our nation strong and non-reliant on other countries for our most basic need--food. Yet these long-standing, much reformed programs have been under fire by liberals and conservatives alike. As president, how will you stand with farm and ranch families and consumers to protect these important programs?*

#### TRUMP RESPONSE:

"The Trump-Pence Administration will be an active participant in writing the next Farm Bill and delivering it on time! Our farmers deserve a good farm bill written by those who are thankful for our remarkable food system in this country. I support a strong safety net for our nation's farmers.

"Importantly, I have assembled an Agriculture Advisory Committee comprised of leaders who represent the best that America can offer to help serve agricultural communities. Many of these officials have been elected by their communities to solve the issues that impact our rural areas every day. I'm very proud to stand with these men and women, and look forward to serving with them in serving all Americans from the White House. A full-list of members of my Agriculture Advisory Committee is available at <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/press-releases/trump-campaign-announces-agricultural-advisory-committee>.

#### CLINTON RESPONSE:

"Hillary knows the Farm Bill's reauthorization presents an incredibly important opportunity to set both our agricultural and rural development policy priorities—which are central to our economy, energy, and food security.

That's why she will work to ensure we provide a focused safety net for farmers and ranchers by continuing to make progress in targeting federal resources in commodity payment, crop insurance, and disaster assistance programs—which is all the more important with current commodity market prices. She will also support the next generation of farmers by doubling funding for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development program and strengthening USDA grant programs to make them less about bureaucratic buckets and more about funding flexibility, leveraging local resources, and measuring results.

The Farm Bill also provides the opportunity to improve and enhance our rural development programs that are so pivotal to raising the standard of living in many rural communities—including programs to enhance broadband access, improve soil health and manage wastewater, and expand access to credit for small businesses."

### Immigration Reform and Ag Labor

*As president, what would you do to advance immigration reform and resolve the critical labor shortage that many farmers and ranchers face each year? How would you address the issue of undocumented workers who are already working on farms across America, as well as the need for a long-term supply of agricultural workers?*

#### TRUMP RESPONSE:

"I recognize the unique labor challenges facing the American farm community and will include farmers and ranchers in the process of determining the best possible immigration policies. To be clear, the Obama-Clinton system of open borders is wreaking havoc on our rural communities. Enormous stresses are being placed on state and local government services, while jobs for American citizens and wages for American workers are in decline. Here are my three core principles of real immigration reform:

1. A nation without borders is not a nation. There must be a wall across the southern border.
2. A nation without laws is not a nation. Laws passed in accordance with our Constitutional system of government must be enforced.
3. A nation that does not serve its own citizens is not a nation. Any immigration plan must improve jobs, wages and security for all Americans.

On August 31, 2016, I gave a policy speech in Phoenix, Arizona, where I provided details on my immigration plan. This speech is available for review on my website"

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/press-releases/donald-j.-trump-address-on-immigration>.

#### CLINTON RESPONSE:

"Hillary knows that migrant farmworkers play a critical role in developing and supporting our agricultural economy. She has heard from farmers across the country who have expressed their frustrations about our broken immigration system.

That's why as president, Hillary will introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to full and equal citizenship within her first 100 days in office. It will treat every person with dignity, fix the family visa backlog, uphold the rule of law, protect our borders and national security, and bring millions of hardworking people into the formal economy. Hillary understands that the agricultural industry needs comprehensive immigration reform to protect both farm owners and the workers they employ, and ensure American families are able to put affordable, fresh food on their tables."

### International Trade and Trans Pacific Partnership

*The United States has worked assertively over many different presidencies to set the example for fair and open trade, for resolving trade disputes using sound, science-based principles and standards and for gaining access to new markets. As president, will you be an aggressive proponent for expanding trade and be willing to pursue remedies against nations and their leaders who use various barriers to unfairly shield their markets from competition?*

*The TPP Agreement would boost U.S. agriculture exports and grow farmers' and ranchers' income by more than \$4 billion a year. That market growth and income boost is needed more than ever as our farmers face a downturn in commodity prices. Will you support ratification of the TPP Agreement to bring down foreign tariffs, address non-science-based barriers to trade and enable America's farmers to sell more of their farm goods around the world?*

#### TRUMP RESPONSE:

"As President, I will be an aggressive proponent for defending the economic interests of American workers and farmers on the world stage. I will fight against unfair trade deals and foreign trade practices that disadvantage the United States.

"I strongly oppose TPP as drafted and will work hard to develop trade agreements that are in the national interest and benefit American workers including our farmers."

#### CLINTON RESPONSE:

"Hillary has a long record of standing up to countries like China. She fought against the Chinese when they tried to discriminate against New York companies, and she went toe-to-toe with them as Secretary of State. As president, Hillary will also crack down on foreign countries who cheat the rules by appointing a new trade prosecutor to keep other countries honest, and will use all of our tools to ensure other countries treat our products fairly, including our anti-dumping and countervailing duty laws, and pursuing taking cases at the WTO. Hillary has also established a plan to stop rewarding U.S. companies for moving jobs overseas."

#### On TPP:

"For generations, America has been the breadbasket of the world. Hillary believes we can and must forge better trade deals for American workers, farmers, and other businesses. She believes any trade deal must meet that test. In fact, Hillary opposed the only multilateral trade deal she voted on in the Senate because it didn't meet that standard. And as soon as the details of the final TPP deal were finalized – including what it contains on currency manipulation and pharmaceuticals – she came out in opposition. It didn't meet her standard. The TPP also contains a weak "rules of origin" standard on automobiles that gives a backdoor into our markets to countries like China. Hillary has been clear and specific in her opposition to the TPP. She opposes it now, she opposes it in November, and she will not move it forward in January."

### Energy

*Agriculture is a growing provider of renewable energy—contributing to America's energy independence and revitalizing rural economies. Will your support federal policies that encourage the production and use of farm-grown fuel stocks and renewable energy?*

#### TRUMP RESPONSE:

"Yes. I support the use of domestic energy sources including farm-grown fuel stocks such as ethanol. We will implement an America First Energy Plan that enables the United States to become the world's dominant leader in energy production and gets the government out of the way of innovation among all forms of energy. My administration will develop a regulatory and legislative roadmap to:

- Restore the important role of U.S. coal in the American economy.
- Rescind Obama's executive actions and regulations that are outdated, unnecessary, bad for workers, illegal, or contrary to the national interest, including the Climate Action Plan and Waters of the US rule.
- Lift moratoriums on energy production in federal areas.
- Support the Keystone XL Pipeline and other important energy infrastructure projects.
- Revoke policies that impose unwarranted restrictions on new drilling technologies.
- Ensure affordable, reliable, clean electricity from coal, natural gas, nuclear, hydropower, solar, wind, and other domestic sources.
- Encourage the use of free-market principles in energy policy instead of the federal government choosing winners and losers.
- End U.S. involvement in the Paris Climate Agreement and stop payments of US tax dollars to UN global warming programs.
- Select top officials at the Energy Department, FERC, NRC, EPA, Interior Department, and other relevant federal agencies who will faithfully execute the laws of the United States, implement policies that are consistent with an America First energy plan, and not seek to use their power to push an extreme environmental agenda.

#### CLINTON RESPONSE:

"Rural America is a leader in energy production -- helping to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and make our economy more resilient. Renewable fuels can also play an important role in reducing carbon pollution. Rural innovators are finding new ways to produce low-carbon biofuels, using feedstocks ranging from algae to agricultural waste, with a wide range of transportation applications. And electricity generated from wind and solar energy can improve air quality, help achieve attainment of Clean Air Act standards, and lower taxpayers' pollution control costs.

America's farm communities are already playing a critical role in renewable energy production. For example, 99 percent of all wind production occurs in rural counties -- attracting more than \$100 billion in new investment and providing an important supplementary source of income to family farms. Meanwhile, electricity prices have fallen by 10 percent for American families and businesses in real terms.

As president, Hillary will work to build on this progress, including by launching a \$60 billion Clean Energy Challenge to forge new federal partnerships with states, cities, and rural communities across the country, giving them the flexibility, tools and resources they need to cut emissions and expand clean energy. This includes expanding the Rural Utilities Service and other successful USDA energy programs and ensuring the federal government is a partner, not an obstacle, in getting low-cost wind and other renewable energy from rural communities to the rest of the country, and helping electric coops capture the clean energy and energy efficiency opportunities of the 21st century. Hillary will also defend the Clean Power Plan, which the EPA estimates will deliver between \$55 and \$93 billion in annual economic and public health benefits by 2030, with Americans' electricity bills falling by between 7% and 8%.

Hillary will invest in advanced biofuels research and development, double loan guarantees made through the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program, support the expansion of blender pumps and combat efforts by oil companies to limit consumer access to cleaner renewable fuels. She also is committed to getting the RFS back on track to effectively drive the development of cellulosic and other advanced biofuels."

### Food Safety

*Food quality and safety are vital concerns for consumers and farmers and ranchers. Consumers are increasingly interested in where their food comes from, but their views are often influenced by misinformation and a lack of understanding of agriculture. How would you ensure that farmers and ranchers have the*





## Arizona Farm Bureau's AgPAC Endorses Several Candidates

By Joe Sigg, Arizona Farm Bureau Government Relations Director and Ana Kennedy Otto, Arizona Farm Bureau Government Relations Manager



In several competitive races Arizona Farm Bureau's AgPAC is showing support to ensure Arizona agriculture is well represented at the state capitol.

in District 8. Mr. Cook's ranching and agriculture background is especially important in this year's election in light of Senator Steve Pierce's departure from the State Senate. Cook would be the only member of the State Legislature engaged in production agriculture. District 8 would be well represented in the Arizona House with the election of both T.J. Shope and David Cook.

Finally, Lisa Otondo (D- District 4) has served in the Arizona House since 2012 and is a member of the Agriculture, Water and Land Committee. This election she is running for the Senate seat vacated by Lynne Pancrazi. Ms. Otondo was born and raised in Yuma, Arizona and has family ties to the rich agricultural heritage of the area. This connection to agriculture has led her to work on behalf of her constituents on a range of agricultural and natural resource issues. Additionally, as a Democrat, Otondo has been important to rural agriculture through her involvement with the Democratic House Caucus and we expect her rural representation to be just as important in the Democratic Senate Caucus.

All candidates have opponents in their races, and as we have seen in Arizona politics, every vote matters and AgPAC of the Arizona Farm Bureau is pleased to endorse these candidates – all truly cut from the fabric of rural cloth. 🐾

We have a great opportunity to send two teams to the legislature on November 8th from District 6 and District 14. This is an opportunity because all six candidates understand their districts very well and the issues their constituents face. In our case, sometimes it is rural issues we share with other folks and sometimes it is strictly agricultural issues. And, if we are bringing up a new topic, they are very good at listening and responding. And sometimes, the willingness to listen is more important than actual agreement on a topic.

From District 6 we recommend Senator Sylvia Allen, Representatives Brenda Barton and Bob Thorpe. From District 14 we like Senator Gail Griffin and newcomers to the legislature for House seats: Becky Nutt and Drew John.

Additionally, we are so pleased that in House District 8, we have incumbent T.J. Shope running. Shope has a strong record of supporting Farm Bureau, agriculture and rural Arizona. David Cook is a rancher and Farm Bureau member from Gila County running for the Arizona House

## Why Should Arizona Farm Bureau Members Vote for You?

This election we have two very capable and recognizable candidates for the Arizona Senate Seat from District 8. Both are great supporters of Arizona agriculture and have extensive history with this industry.

The challenge for voters in this district will be to pick the candidate they believe will best serve them and the agriculture industry in the future.

So, Arizona Farm Bureau reached out to the two candidates and asked them for 200 to 300 words on why they are the candidate to serve as Arizona Senator from District 8.



**Frank Pratt**  
Republican Candidate for Arizona Senate, District 8

I have personally worked in farming for more than 25 years and owned and operated my own farm for 20 years. Farming was my passion and my life for many years and provided me with great insights into the issues farmers and those in the agricultural industry face on a daily basis.

My brother and nephews still own and operate a farm in Arizona. This agricultural background and experience has been critically important as a State Representative for one of the rural Districts in Arizona. As someone who was

born, raised, and lived my entire life in rural Arizona, I know and understand the issues that are so important to the people of my district. One of our most important industries in Arizona, and the District I represent, is agriculture.

During my time at the State Capitol I have been Chairman of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, Co-Chairman of the Water and Agriculture Committee, as well as a member of the Rural and Economic Development Committee. I have sponsored, Co-sponsored and voted for many important pieces of legislation that have had a very positive effect on the agricultural community.

My commitment to agriculture is ongoing and unwavering. Your support and your vote for Frank Pratt for Senate in Legislative District 8 will ensure that agriculture has a knowledgeable and strong supporter of the men and women who work so hard in agriculture. It truly has been an honor to represent the people of rural Arizona for the past several years and I look forward to continuing my service as a State Senator.



**Barbara McGuire**  
Democratic Candidate for Arizona Senate, District 8

As a State Senator and proud Farm Bureau member who represents a rural and agriculture-dependent district, I understand the issues that are important to our communities. As a 4-H member, I learned early about the importance of farming and also the hard work that goes into it by helping my uncle with daily chores on his farm in Coolidge. As a young girl, my mother worked in the cotton fields at Picacho during WWII. Her stories about this always remind me of the far-reaching importance and proud legacy of agriculture in Arizona.

In the Arizona Legislature, I have been a friend to the Farm Bureau and agriculture community. I have worked to pass bipartisan legislation that is beneficial to our communities, and worked tirelessly to oppose harmful legislation.

I trust and value the friendships that I have made over the years with Farm Bureau leaders and fellow members. Keeping an ongoing dialogue with these friends has helped me to do my job better. When it comes to issues like guest worker programs, tax reform, protection of water and property rights, and fighting against federal overreach, I am proud to stand with my constituents and the agricultural community.

Arizona's farmers are some of the hardest working in the world, and we must ensure that they have the ability to sell more of their goods free of unnecessary obstacles. This is one of the best things we can do to support the economy of our rural communities. As an experienced legislator who works across the aisle, I have been able to advocate for Ranchers and Farmers at both the federal level and state level. Once again I ask for your support and your vote on November 8th. You can visit my website at [www.SenatorMcGuire.com](http://www.SenatorMcGuire.com). 🐾

## Only Two Citizen Initiatives will be on the Ballot this Year

By Joe Sigg, Arizona Farm Bureau Government Relations Director

For the first time in 75 years, the November ballot in Arizona will not have any matters referred to it by the legislature. This means either they could not agree or they are doing the job we elected them to and not just passing issues on to voters!

And there are only two citizen initiatives on the ballot: (1) legalize recreational use of marijuana; (2) Increase the minimum wage. While several were proposed and had petitions circulating, these were the only ones submitted and passing various legal challenges.

AZFB made official comment on both of these initiatives and took a "no" position:

1. The Arizona Farm Bureau opposes **Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (I-08-2016)**:

When you de-criminalize a behavior, in this case use of a substance, but still require sideboards to keep the use away from minors, structures and processes must be insured. It is different from simply abandoning enforcement – it's a paradigm change in enforcement and education. Arizona has medical marijuana. We believe insufficient time has elapsed to evaluate whether complete legalization is either wise or all of its consequences have been properly evaluated.

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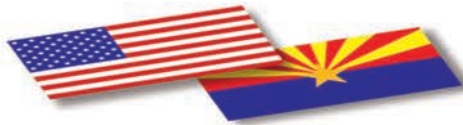
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## Why AgPAC Needs to Matter to You

By Julie Murphree, Arizona Farm Bureau Communication Director

You've heard it before. Agriculture is clearly a minority in this state. So, it makes sense that the AG Political Action Committee of the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation (AgPAC) would be established to provide individuals interested in the future of the agricultural industry an ability to contribute to worthy candidates for Arizona's offices.



**With extensive vetting of candidates, the AgPAC seeks out candidates who believe, and have demonstrated their beliefs in the principles to which Arizona agriculture is dedicated.**

And so, AgPAC was formed. With extensive vetting of candidates, the AgPAC seeks out candidates who believe, and have demonstrated their beliefs in the principles to which Arizona agriculture is dedicated.

Plus, AgPAC gives us another opportunity to open a door to legislators that predominately represent urban constituents. These legislators' constituents are far removed from the everyday workings and technology of

your farm, ranch, dairy, feedlot, plant nursery or vineyard. AgPAC raises funds to support the candidates of any party affiliation who are committed to working for the best interests of Arizona agriculture.

These urban constituents routinely question:

- Agriculture's use of water,
- Our use of technology in crop and livestock production,
- The health effects of dust caused by normal farming practices,
- The working conditions of our laborers,
- If we are treating our animals humanely,
- Our sales tax exemptions,
- The safety of our food,
- Grazing on federal and state trust lands,
- And, funding the Arizona Department of Agriculture.

Our fundraising strength will serve as a reminder to political leaders that farmers and ranchers remain stakeholders in Arizona's future. This won't happen, however, if you don't donate to the cause.

With the continued support of Farm Bureau members like you, our voice will be heard at the State Capitol and in Washington D. C. Elections Matter! Consider supporting agriculture through a contribution to AgPAC.

To contribute to AgPAC go online to [azfb.org/Public-Polic/AgPAC](http://azfb.org/Public-Polic/AgPAC) or write a check to "AgPAC" and send to 325 South Higley Road in Gilbert, Arizona 85296. 🚗

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## Senator John McCain Receives the Friend of Farm Bureau Award

Arizona Farm Bureau President Kevin Rogers, First Vice President Stefanie Smallhouse, members, Don and Linda Merrell, Kacie and son Cort Tomerlin, Jace Householder, and Rhonda Vandlerslice, along with staff members Jim Klinker and Ana Kennedy Otto met with Arizona's Congressional delegation including Senator John McCain during their recent visit to Washington, D.C. While with Senator McCain, the group presented him with the Friend of Farm Bureau for his support of farm friendly legislation during this congressional session. In the 11 congressional offices, the group emphasized support of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement and opposition to national monument designations. Members also shared personal accounts of problems they have been facing as a result of the Affordable Care Act: less coverage, higher deductibles, higher premiums and loss of coverage with health insurance companies leaving the market. While the Arizona group was in his office, McCain was on the floor of the Senate blasting the Affordable Care Act for the impact it was having on rural Arizona.

The Arizona Farm Bureau Board of Directors has endorsed Senator McCain in his bid to be reelected to the US Senate. We support our other friends of Farm Bureau candidates.

### 2016 Friend of Farm Bureau Recipients



The current two-year session of congress is quickly coming to a close. During the session, the Arizona Farm Bureau and American Farm Bureau let our eleven member congressional delegation know our positions on national legislation. As a result, the American Farm Bureau tracks the voting record. Because of their support, the following congressional leaders earned the Friend of Farm Bureau award for this session of congress:

**Representative Trent Franks**  
**Representative Paul Gosar**  
**Representative Martha McSally**  
**Representative Matt Salmon**  
**Representative David Schweikert**  
**Senator Jeff Flake**  
**Senator John McCain**

## DeLancey Named Executive Director of the new Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center

The University of Arizona has hired attorney Cindy DeLancey as the first executive director of the Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center. She began her appointment at the beginning of last month.

The center, announced in November 2015, is a partnership between the university's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) Cooperative Extension and the James E. Rogers College of Law, and is the first university-based and cooperative extension-based natural resources users legal center in the nation. The center will include a Natural Resource Users Public Interest Law Clinic staffed by law and CALs students to address the unmet legal needs of ranchers, farmers, miners, and others who work with natural resources.

DeLancey is currently the director of government and public affairs for BP America's Lower 48 business unit in Wyoming. She was previously the executive director of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association and was the elected county and prosecuting attorney for Carbon County, Wyoming and served as an assistant attorney general and special assistant United States Attorney. She has a Juris Doctor from the University of Wyoming.

As executive director for the new center, DeLancey will provide educational and outreach opportunities for agriculture and law students in the natural resource arena.

"The university is breaking new ground and is leading the way for agriculture and law students to work shoulder-to-shoulder with farmers, ranchers, miners and other natural resource users to impact law and public policy across the west," said DeLancey. "I am honored to be a part of such an important program and look forward to working with the students and natural resource community."

Three UA senior administrators developed and launched the center: Marc Miller,

dean of the College of Law; Jeff Silvertooth, director of Arizona Cooperative Extension; and Shane Burgess, vice president for Agriculture, Life and Veterinary Sciences and Cooperative Extension, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and director of the Arizona Experiment Station.

Miller praised DeLancey's experience. "Cindy has worked with the natural resources community, developing partnerships across industries, and helping those in energy, agriculture, mining, tourism, and other industries work with government agencies and thrive economically; she will bring that experience and passion to the leadership of the center and to the vision for a new kind of training and research for students in law and in CALs."

Silvertooth commented on the positive impact this center and DeLancey's hire will have. "This center provides us the opportunity to address common needs that are often brought to our attention in the Cooperative Extension System (CES) across the state and to partner with another college on the UA campus with the appropriate expertise to address the legal issues many stakeholders are dealing with. Although the effort with the center is new to the UA and Arizona, this is consistent with our UA mission as a land-grant institution, which is a core aspect of the CES. Cindy

DeLancey brings a wealth of experience and vision for the center that is consistent with the basic mission and a capacity to build an outstanding program. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity to work with Cindy in this new endeavor."

Burgess added, "Cindy understands the needs of all of the very diverse groups who need and want to use natural resources wisely for the long term. She will serve them all well and she'll also be a tremendous asset as we encourage our agriculture and life science students to build on the education we give them and pursue legal training." 🚗



Cindy DeLancey





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necessary freedom to operate while working to meet consumers' demands for a variety of food choices, whether organic or conventional, meat or vegetarian, local or the household-name products many of us grew up with and still enjoy thanks to our major national food makers? There is no one size fits all in agriculture. Would you ensure that regulations do not restrict consumers' or farmers' food and production choices?

**TRUMP RESPONSE:**

"The Trump Administration will be a pro-agriculture Administration. As President, I will fight for American farmers and their families. Through hard work, persistence and innovation, and making wise use of our nation's God-given lands and resources, American farmers are the best in the world at growing the food and other products that people need to flourish. Growing our farm sector and supporting our nation's farmers are absolutely critical steps to making America great again. Too often, bad policies and needless government mandates harm farmers and make food and farm products more costly for consumers. I support, and will implement, policies that are good for farmers and consumers. For example, I oppose unwarranted government mandates that hurt farmers and confuse consumers, such as mandatory biotech labeling. I will also fight for tax reform that reduces tax burdens on American farmers. We will end the death tax. I will reverse the EPA's war on farmers by rescinding the Waters of the US rule, climate rule, and the host of other regulations that are harming farmers without helping the environment. I will appoint justices to the Supreme Court who will defend the 2nd Amendment. Hillary Clinton will appoint justices who will eviscerate 2nd Amendment rights. Most importantly, we will get the entire U.S. economy growing again, which will be a boon to the Agriculture sector as well."

**CLINTON RESPONSE:**

"Due to the ingenuity of America's farmers and ranchers, consumers across the world have access to better, safer, and a wider variety of food options than ever before. Hillary Clinton believes that supporting that ingenuity goes hand in hand with ensuring food quality and safety.

That's why, as president, Hillary will fight to increase our investment in the basic and applied research that makes agricultural advancements possible. She will also fight to ensure that America's farmers and ranchers of all sizes have the tools they need to succeed. That means expanding access to capital; investing in rural transportation, water, and broadband infrastructure; and continuing to make progress in targeting federal resources in commodity payment, crop insurance, and disaster assistance programs.

Hillary also believes we should work to build a strong local and regional food system by doubling funding for the Farmers Market Promotion Program and the Local Food Promotion Program. By expanding food hubs and farmers markets, increasing access to fresh food, and encouraging direct sales to local schools, hospitals, retailers and wholesalers, we can increase consumer access to food and support American farmers and ranchers."

There is no one size fits all in agriculture. Would you ensure that regulations do not restrict consumers' or farmers' food and production choices?

As president, Hillary will always engage a wide range of stakeholders, including farmers and ranchers, to hear their concerns and ideas for how we can ensure our rural communities and our agriculture sector remain vibrant. If there are implementation challenges with a particular regulation, Hillary will work with all stakeholders to address them.

**Endangered Species Act**

*Privately owned land provides habitat for the majority of our nation's endangered and threatened species. As a result landowners often face harsh regulatory restrictions on their ability to use the land or, worse, lawsuits or enforcement actions. Meanwhile, few species have actually been recovered under the law. It's time to think about incentive-based programs that create a positive role for landowners in species recovery. The law is overdue for review and revamping. As president, how would you fix the broken Endangered Species Act, and what role would you assign America's landowners?*

**TRUMP RESPONSE:**

"America is blessed with abundant natural resources and beautiful wildlife. Our nation has a proud tradition of conservation and stewardship. This is more true for farmers than anyone else. Farmers care more for the environment than the radical environmentalists. Regrettably, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) has a poor track record of actually helping to recover animals at risk of extinction. In truth, the ESA has become a tool to block economic development, deny property rights to American landowners, and enrich activist groups and lawyers. Instead of saving endangered species, the Obama-Clinton bureaucrats are endangering American workers with disastrous choices made at the whim of extreme activist groups.

As President, I will direct the Interior Department and Commerce Department to conduct a top-down review of all Obama Administration settlements, rules, and executive actions under the Endangered Species Act and other similar laws, and we will change or rescind any of those actions that are unlawful, bad for American farmers and workers, or not in the national interest. I will also work closely with Congress to improve and modernize the Endangered Species Act—a law that is now more than 30 years old—so that it is more transparent, uses the best science, incentivizes species conservation, protects private property rights, and no longer imposes needless and unwarranted costs on American landowners."

**CLINTON RESPONSE:**

"Hillary knows that America's ranchers and farmers are proud stewards of their lands, and that America's wildlife depend on the health of working lands to survive and thrive. That is why she will increase both the availability and accessibility of funding to incentivize voluntary private conservation. For example, Hillary will work to fully fund the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and will instruct her Secretary of Agriculture to establish a "one-stop shop" to help farmers and ranchers identify programs that can provide financial support for their conservation practices, including securing additional access for sportsmen, including hunters.

Hillary also believes that we should be doing more to slow and reverse the decline of at-risk wildlife species before reach the brink of extinction and need the protection Endangered Species Act. To this end, Hillary will propose nearly doubling the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program to \$100 million per year. This type of support for the voluntary conservation of at-risk wildlife can help reduce the need for species to receive the protections of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). For wildlife that are listed as threatened or endangered, Hillary will direct federal agencies to take full advantage of the flexible tools available under the ESA that respect and accommodate landowner interests, including safe harbor agreements, habitat conservation agreements, and other forms of voluntary conservation measures."

**Clean Water**

*The Environmental Protection Agency has clear direction from both Congress and the Supreme Court on the limitations of its authority under the Clean Water Act, and yet the agency continues to push the limits or ignore them completely. What would you do as president to ensure that the EPA acts within the bounds of the Clean Water Act?*

**TRUMP RESPONSE:**

"First, I will appoint a pro-farmer Administrator of EPA. Next, I will eliminate the unconstitutional  
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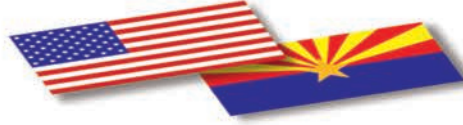


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For example, I had the opportunity to visit a farm in Arizona that grew jalapenos that were then sent to Pace and turned into salsa. I thought it was so cool to know that when I purchased a jar of Pace, I was supporting a local Arizona farm. To me, that is Farm to Table. But, I was only able to make this connection because this Arizona farmer was willing to take the time to tell his story.

**Arizona Agriculture:** The USDA has had a fairly decent track record over the decades when it comes out with updated dietary guidelines. But last year's release provoked controversy and ire in part because some of the recommendations did not appear to be based on science, but on politics. What parameters could be put in place so this is avoided?

**Johnson:** Well, now, this is one HUGE question! One of the problems with crafting a well-done set of Dietary Guidelines is that you cannot come up with one way of eating that everyone should eat, period. There are merits to the various nuances of eating. For example, eating low-carb has been shown through research to help some people to lose weight, ultimately helping their overall health. But, this evidence does not mean that everyone should eat low carb, and it may not mean that eating low carb will help people be successful in the long term.

Keeping politics out of the Dietary Guideline is simply not going to happen, as long as money is at stake. However, we do need to keep insisting that the committee responsible for crafting the Dietary Guidelines are respected professionals in their fields, and that they back up their final statements with the evidence they used to craft that statement.

**Arizona Agriculture:** When formulating guidelines, where do you see the working group's strengths? What are their weaknesses?

**Johnson:** The strengths come from the scientific literacy of the panel. They are respected professionals who know how to read and interpret evidence as presented through published research. They may come in with some personal bias that they don't even recognize, which can be a weakness. Some may be easier to manipulate through lobbying activities, just because they are human. The weakness of the whole process is that the public expects a black and white set of "rules" that are the ultimate truth, but science is not black or white, and is always evolving. Scientists are comfortable with shades of grey on a topic, but this does not tend to translate well into guidelines.

**Arizona Agriculture:** In Arizona, our Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Shane Burgess, has labeled Arizona the nutrition state, especially since we can grow and/or raise every major food group year around. Additionally, thanks to Yuma we're the salad bowl of the nation during the winter. How do we better exploit this? Certainly in the nutrition community.

**Johnson:** I love it! Labels can be very powerful. I've often wondered about how labels create a culture. For example, Colorado is frequently touted as the fittest state, because the data shows they are consistently the leanest state - but, if you live in Colorado and you hear this all the time, does that then inspire you to keep it up and go for a hike because you are from Colorado?

Conversely, if you live in Mississippi and always hear that you live in the fattest state, how inspired are you going to be to watch your portion size and go for a walk?

The more people hear a label, the more they consider it fact (Howard Stern admits that he was the one that started using the label "King of all media," and now people refer to him that way!).

**Arizona Agriculture:** We're featuring ASU's nutrition communication students during our weekly *Fill Your Plate* blog. What else should Arizona agriculture be doing to partner with nutrition professionals?

**Johnson:** Hosting tours is great, but also being willing to come speak, or even just get on social media and start interacting! All of our dietetic students get a Twitter account for one of their required classes - they are always a bit star-struck when a professional in the real world interacts with them!

**Arizona Agriculture:** In the nutrition arena, "What's the next BIG thing?"

**Johnson:** I wish I knew! I'm excited about the food packaging they have created using milk, so it is biodegradable - I'm also excited about CRISPR technology, but I don't know that the public will care much about it. It is the next generation of biotechnology: <http://ensia.com/voices/crispr-is-coming-to-agriculture-with-big-implications-for-food-farmers-consumers-and-nature/>

In social media, the next big thing is in short videos, especially cooking - social media is moving towards visuals instead of text, and will probably continue to do so. 📺

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"Waters of the US" rule, and will direct the Army Corps of Engineers and EPA to no longer use this unlawful rule and related guidance documents in making jurisdictional determinations. This rule is so extreme that it gives federal agencies control over creeks, small streams, and even puddles or mostly dry areas on private property. I will also ensure that these agencies respect the valid exclusions under environmental statutes for agricultural practices. To be clear, my Administration will work to ensure clean water for all Americans while also restoring the proper limits of federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. Unlike the Obama-Clinton team, my Administration will work cooperatively with the States—most of which have been completely ignored by EPA under the Obama Administration—to achieve shared, common-sense environmental goals."

### CLINTON RESPONSE:

"The Clean Water Act is one of our most successful environmental regulations, helping fulfill the basic right of all Americans to accessing clean water. Not too long ago our rivers were literally on fire, and pollutants were free to dump toxic chemicals at will. The Clean Water Act not only stemmed these environmental disasters but helped to reverse course and restore healthy swimmable and fishable waters for all Americans to enjoy. As president, Hillary will continue this legacy. She will work to ensure waters are safe and protected, will maintain the longstanding exemptions for common farming practices, and will continue pushing for clarity within the law."

### Clean Air Act

*Greenhouse gas regulations that would raise farmers' cost of production or impose a carbon tax would put American farmers and other businesses at a competitive disadvantage to farmers and businesses in other countries that would face fewer regulations while continuing to pollute the planet. How would you ensure that clean air and climate regulations are within the scope of federal agencies' statutory authority and do not hamper American productivity and competitiveness?*

### TRUMP RESPONSE:

"I strongly oppose the extreme, climate alarmism agenda of the Obama-Clinton years. Too often, the Obama-Clinton team imposed billions of dollars in environmental costs on American citizens without achieving real environmental benefits. In fact, the Obama EPA cut funding to the States for water infrastructure and programs that help rural communities while increasing spending on EPA bureaucrats, lawyers, and UN climate programs. As President, I will rescind the Climate Action Plan (including the Clean Power Plan) and other excessive regulations issued under the Clean Air Act that impose unjustified costs on American workers and farmers. My administration will work cooperatively with the States to achieve shared, common-sense environmental goals. Affordable energy is critical to the success of American farmers. According to a recent report in the Wall Street Journal, the Obama-Clinton climate agenda will cost the U.S. over \$5 trillion. We cannot afford to allow the Obama-Clinton policies of high energy costs and overreaching regulations to continue any longer."

### CLINTON RESPONSE:

"Hillary Clinton rejects the false choice between strengthening our economy and protecting our environment and climate. This is particularly true in light of the historic Paris Climate Agreement reached last December, in which all countries committed to take national action to cut their carbon pollution. As President, Hillary will go beyond the agreement made in Paris, cutting our emissions by 30 percent below 2005 levels by 2025.

As President, Hillary will work to make the United States the clean energy superpower of the 21st century, and build off the range of pollution and efficiency standards and clean energy tax incentives that have made the United States a global leader in the battle against climate change while protecting kids' health, saving American households and businesses billions of dollars in energy costs, and creating thousands of good paying jobs.


Over the past seven years, the amount of wind power in the US has grown threefold and the amount of solar power has grown 30-fold. Renewable energy is now the fastest growing source of job creation in the country. America's farm communities have played a critical role in this progress with 99% of utility-scale wind production occurring in rural areas, attracting more than \$100 billion in private investment. Mean-

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## Delegates Carry the Ultimate Power in Farm Bureau

By Staff Reports

You campaigned or received encouragement from your County Farm Bureau president, and earned the coveted slot of being a delegate representing your county at the Arizona Farm Bureau Annual Convention this coming November 2, 3 and 4th. Or, maybe you didn't attend your county Farm Bureau meeting but leadership decided to elect you as a delegate. Either way, delegates are sitting atop a golden opportunity to influence agriculture's most important and hot topics while having a good time, learning a lot and visiting with fellow farmers and ranchers throughout Arizona.

In preparation for the meeting and exercising your vote, it's a good idea to visit with your County President or Policy Development Chair to learn which policies your county has submitted for consideration at the state level and key policies that other counties have submitted. This is often discussed at your county's October board meeting, so you'll want to attend this month's scheduled county board meetings.

Of course, if you were in the thick of your county's policy development you already know what policy issues are most important to your county. The value of being involved in such discussion is by the time you make it to the state's November Annual Meeting is that you've been able to establish and have an informed opinion about the issues.

Be sure to register for the hotel and convention (Registration Form on page 7),



Delegates from County Farm Bureaus around the state discuss and vote on policies that lead Farm Bureau's work on key issues that will affect agriculture. Delegates should be prepared to weigh in on proposed policies. Here Delegates Mark and Stacey Loghry from Yuma County participated in policy issues during last year's Annual Meeting.

and then it's on to the convention at the exclusive Wigwam Resort in Litchfield Park, Arizona.

Thursday, November the 3rd is a full day of working on resolutions, as well as hearing from some great speakers. All Farm Bureau policies start at the county level and are discussed, amended and approved by delegates elected by the grassroots members. Working together during the resolutions session, your county delegates will be able to influence the final language to be adopted as state policy or sent on to American Farm Bureau. This may mean convincing delegates from other counties to support your policy positions.

The day ends with an elegant awards banquet recognizing people who have made their mark on agriculture and Farm Bureau. Great music and dancing will finish off Thursday night. Friday has a great line-up of political and informational speakers that you won't want to miss.

So be sure to get registered and prepared to fully participate in the Annual Convention. You'll go home to the farm or ranch reinvigorated with new knowledge and new friendships. And you'll have made a mark on the industry that you love and want to see prosper in our country – agriculture. 🚗

### Questions

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be resolved by all interests putting their issues forward ... all interests, all parties have to achieve some solutions, and everyone has to leave something on the table.

What is the solution to the failure of Affordable Health Care in rural Arizona? We must keep in mind that this issue begins and ends with people ... with their families and their lives. This is one of those public policy issues that has enormous personal impact, and we cannot toy or tinker with it for political ends. Clearly, Affordable Health Care is not working well in many ways and needs to be repaired, so our citizens have access to reliable and appropriate health care. We cannot go backwards on this. We need to look at the networks and the apparatus to pinpoint problems, profit issues for the providers and cost drivers. Where the marketplace has dried up access to providers, we need to step in, at least with band aids (the Medicare structure is one way), if only temporarily, while potential providers and the government can work out new marketplace solutions. 🚗



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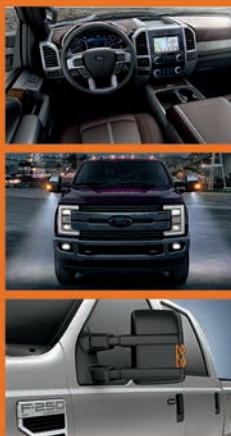
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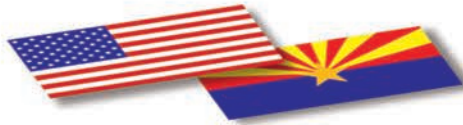
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## Presidential Candidates Have it Wrong; Most Americans Support Free Trade

By Julie Murphree, Arizona Farm Bureau Communication Director

Commissioned by American Farm Bureau Association, a new poll from Morning Consult shows most voters favor fair trade – something all candidates should keep in mind as a congressional vote on the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement comes closer to reality.



A significant amount of Arizona-grown alfalfa hay is exported to major markets throughout the globe. Farmers and ranchers have typically been supporters of global trade.

Stefanie Smallhouse. “Arizona agricultural products are distributed all over the globe and in order for growers to be sustainable we need to have access to local and global markets. This particular trade agreement will increase demand for several Arizona products including dairy and beef in the growing markets of the Pacific and will greatly decrease tariffs which currently place our products at a disadvantage.”

Among other things, the August poll found:

- Fifty-seven percent of registered voters have a favorable view of “fair trade.”
- Fifty percent said they would be more likely to support TPP if they knew it would provide new markets overseas for U.S. farm products.
- After Americans were told TPP would increase net farm income by \$4.4 billion and agricultural exports by \$5.3 billion, 52 percent said they would be more likely to support TPP. More than half (51 percent) say an estimated increase of 40,100 jobs resulting from the agreement would make them more likely to support TPP.
- Fifty-two percent of voters say they would be more likely to support TPP if they knew the deal would increase annual income in the U.S. by \$131 billion.
- Sixty-nine percent of voters support trade policies that will open new markets for U.S. products and U.S. farmers while less than one in 10 (8 percent) oppose.

“Most trade deals start out with loud opposition, only to fade away once the details become known,” Duvall said. “We are convinced TPP is no different: The more people know, the more they will support this vitally important agreement.”

Smallhouse added, “As incomes and quality of life rise around the globe, the demand for more healthful and diverse products such that Arizona provides will increase. We are the ‘Nutrition State.’”

“Most Americans support free trade,” American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall said, “and most farmers do, too. Exports account for almost a quarter of American farm receipts, so opposing fair trade agreements like TPP doesn’t make a lot of sense to rural America.”

“Global trade is an intricate system of give and take,” said Arizona Farm Bureau First Vice President and southern Arizona rancher

## Meet Arizona Agriculture’s Historic Aggie House

By: Justen Ollendick, Collegiate YF&R Chair and Aggie House member and former Arizona Farm Bureau Intern.

Aggie House, Incorporated is the University of Arizona’s oldest social organization that has provided students within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with opportunity for scholarship, professional development, social life and continuing the legacy and traditions of Aggie House, Inc.

An interview with Aggie House, Inc. Officers – Tucson, Arizona  
Part of an ongoing series about Arizona’s farming and ranching families.

Tell me about the history behind the Aggie House:


The Aggie House was organized in 1937 when a group of students in the college of Agriculture here at the University through common need decided to establish an organization that would permit them to live together and receive the benefits of a college education and of fellowship with minimal expense. At that time the late Dr. E.D. Tetreau, professor of Rural Sociology, and Dr. R.S. Hawkins, former Vice Dean of the College of Agriculture generously provided active guidance and financial assistance. These organizers of the Aggie House established the first house at 1624 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street. In a period of five year, with effective financial management and active cooperation they were able to buy all the house furnishings and kitchen equipment, and accumulated a \$3,500 surplus.

In 1943, with World War II pressing hard on America, the Aggie House ceased operations while all its members went into the armed services. After the war, the returning veterans were interested in reactivating the Aggie House and began the task of reorganizing in the face of financial obstacles. A building was rented which later its owner put up for sale. The boys living there were ordered to vacate by March of 1947. Meetings with the faculty advisors ensued, and the plans were made to purchase the house. A suggestion was offered that outside help in buying the place might be enlisted from people around the state interested in the welfare of students and in all phases of agriculture. The response from this statewide plea was gratifying! Persons and organizations too numerous to mention contributed both hard




The three-story brick home facing east at 819 North Euclid Avenue, two blocks west of the University of Arizona campus, has become an iconic presence to current and former members of Aggie House.


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# Shapes the Future

The YF&R program helps young members shape the future of agriculture, as well as their individual futures, with leadership development and personal growth opportunities. Through three competitions, members are able to showcase their leadership experience, communication skills and successful farm plans as they compete against the best of the best Farm Bureau has to offer.






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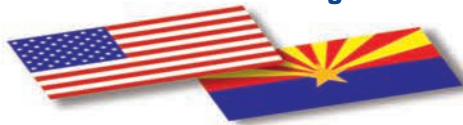

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cash and interest-free loans until a sufficient amount to make the transaction for the property was gathered.

Aggie House, Inc. was again established with the primary purpose of helping those students of agriculture who otherwise might not be able to attend the University because of costs. Today it is a three-story brick home facing east at 819 North Euclid Avenue, two blocks west of the University of Arizona campus. The house contains a lobby, dining room, commercial kitchen, store room, furnace room, sleeping porch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> story, and study rooms to accommodate up to 30 students.

**What do members of the Aggie House do?** The Aggie House has always been active in campus affairs. There are members appointed to every pertinent council or committee in the Associated Students of the University of Arizona. Through these committees and in house activities, ample opportunity is offered for development in leadership. The Aggie House, Inc. leadership consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Business Manager, Assistant Business Manager and auditors, as well as a social chairman, intramural sports manager, and historian. In addition, a U of A College of Agriculture staff member is elected to serve as an advisor.

**Where do you see Aggie House in the next 5 to 10 years?** After a short window

of decline in membership due to a vast majority graduating, membership has nearly doubled and is continuing to climb. The pledge class of 2016-17 is one of the largest that has been seen in almost five years. What does this mean for the organization? It means more opportunity to grow our network, engage alumni, and continue to recruit young men that will help to continue the prestige legacy of Aggie House, Inc. Year to year, we hope that our relationship with the College of Agriculture at the University and other Greek-life affiliations continues to be as strong as it is today and has been in the past. Our alumni also prove to be of significant value as they help to guide and influence our financial and legal actions that help to keep the organization in good standing.

**How does Aggie House, Inc. connect to Farm Bureau?** The Farm Bureau provides resources for young agricultural professionals to develop their leadership skills. A huge portion of our membership, and their families, are longtime Arizona Farm Bureau members and members of their local counties. Our members are also dually enrolled as Collegiate YF&R members and are looking forward to participating in the activities of that organization this year! Past alumni serve in various leadership roles in local and state Farm Bureaus as well. 🐾

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while, electricity prices have fallen by 10% for American families and businesses in real terms.

Landmark vehicle standards under the Clean Air Act are reducing US oil consumption by 1.8 billion barrels and saving the average driver \$130 to \$180 a year. The Renewable Fuel Standard is cutting US oil dependence and carbon pollution even more.

As President, Clinton will work to build on this progress, including by launching \$60 billion Clean Energy Challenge to forge new federal partnerships with states, cities, and rural communities across the country that are ready to take the lead on clean energy and energy efficiency, giving them the flexibility, tools and resources they need to succeed. This includes expanding the Rural Utilities Service and other successful USDA energy programs and ensuring the federal government is a partner, not an obstacle, in getting low-cost wind and other renewable energy from rural communities to the rest of the country, and helping electric coops capture the clean energy and energy efficiency opportunities of the 21st century.”

### Biotechnology

*Our future food security will depend on science, technology and innovation to increase efficiency, adapt to droughts and fight plant diseases. Agricultural biotechnology and other new crop development*

*techniques will prove vital. As president, how will you ensure that new traits are reviewed expeditiously, that USDA's GMO disclosure rules are focused on science and that solutions from science and technology are harnessed to meet the challenge of feeding a growing world.*

### TRUMP RESPONSE:

“I support the use of technology in food production, which has enabled American farmers to increase yields to levels never before experienced in the history of the world. Through innovation, American farmers are producing crops more resilient to drought, heat, and pests. Government should not block positive technological advancements in agriculture. Agency reviews need to be streamlined with all unnecessary red-tape cut out.”

### CLINTON RESPONSE:

“Our goal should be to find policy solutions that are grounded in science and respect consumers. Hillary understands the need for a national solution to the GMO labeling question -- one that provides consistency to food companies and consumers across state lines. And she is glad Republicans and Democrats have worked together to build a bipartisan solution to this issue.” 🐾

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### 2. The Arizona Farm Bureau opposes *The Fair Wages and Healthy Families Act (I-24-2016)*:

Economists have legitimate disagreements as to both the positive and negative impacts of minimum wage increases. Predicting outcomes, in advance, on any new proposal is just that – a guessing game. Where does it wash between those who are better off with more income and those with job losses because of the increase? Anyone who says they know, don't know. There are simply too many variables and too many unknowns.

It is clear from economic literature that small and measured minimum wage increases tied to inflation, more correctly move with market principles and cause less economic distortions. Arizona already has in place a system indexed to inflation. Combining this approach with earned tax credits for those struggling to earn a living wage, in a studied manner would seem more reasonable – not perfect, but more reasonable. An initiative that simply throws numbers against the wall is not a studied approach. Perhaps the greater good is a cost that should be shifted to the public rather than simply piling upon employers. 🐾

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