



KANSAS AND TEXAS VOTERS SUPPORT HUNGER, CONSERVATION, AND LOCAL FOOD PROGRAMS, SURVEY SHOWS

The Farm to Fork Initiative presents key findings on farm and food programs by Republican polling firm Public Opinion Strategies.

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WASHINGTON - More than 90 percent of Kansas and Texas voters favor programs that fight hunger, reduce farm pollution, and help create farmers' markets, according to statewide surveys.

The survey by a leading Republican polling firm, Public Opinion Strategies, also found that more than 70 percent of Kansas and Texas voters support allowing local communities to adopt restrictions for toxic pesticides from being applied at playgrounds and parks.

Support for the hunger, conservation, and local food programs cuts across party lines, the survey shows.

Public Opinion Strategies conducted the online surveys of Kansas and Texas voters between November 3 and 6.

House and Senate negotiators are trying to finalize the 2018 Farm Bill for consideration during the lame duck session of Congress next month.

While the bipartisan Senate version of the farm bill supports hunger, conservation and local food programs, the partisan House version would weaken these programs. The House bill also includes anti-environmental pesticide riders. Among the riders in the bill is one that would block local ordinances throughout the country that restrict the use of pesticides on school grounds, and near playgrounds and public parks, among other locations.

The survey also found that nearly 90 percent of Kansas and Texas voters support limiting farm subsidies to family farmers who live and work on farms. The partisan House bill would extend farm subsidies to billionaires, as well as cousins, nieces and nephews of current farm subsidy recipients even if they do not work or live on the farm.

There is broad support among voters in both states for initiatives to help launch local farmers markets, as the survey results show.

For more information, [please find more details on the poll results here.](#)

The Farm To Fork Initiative brings together sustainability, hunger, health, equity, and nutrition advocates to enable and empower a collaborative effort to protect gains in federal Good Food policies. The Initiative is a convening point for advocates to work collaboratively, provides tactical resources in support of collaborative advocacy, and sponsors critical parts of our advocacy infrastructure that are often underfunded. This work enables the diverse food and agriculture community to approach upcoming policy debates united in their positions and to work toward shared goals in a way that has never been possible. The Initiative is a project of the Windward Fund, a 501(c)(3) designed specifically to advance pooled donor efforts focused on conservation and agriculture.