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FARM SUBSIDIES & THE BIG DOGS

Fiscal Years 2008-2011: Quantifying Federal Farm Subsidies
Wealthy Entities & Major American Urban Areas

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SUMMARY:

Using public data released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture & through the Freedom of Information Act, we quantified total farm subsidies paid into selected cities/urban areas and wealthy entities across America. **These sums represent, The Federal Transfer™ and are comprised of crop subsidies, conservation & wetland reserve subsidies, dairy & livestock subsidies, & environmental quality incentive programs.**

Among the findings:

- **Washington, D.C. & Beltway-** Over \$18.478 million in farm subsidies flowed into 2,801 individual entities. A picture of our “Washington, D.C. & Beltway Farm Subsidy Heat Map” shows all national landmarks obliterated by the mapped red dots of farm subsidies. [Click here to review our interactive subsidy map.](#)
- **Chicago, IL.-** Over \$6.129 million in farm subsidies flowed into 930 individual entities between 2008-2011. As a state, Illinois receives the third most of the fifty states in farm subsidies and *Chicago receives the seventh most farm subsidies of all Illinois municipalities.* [Click here to review our interactive subsidy map.](#)
- **New York City, NY-** Over \$1.996 million in farm subsidies flowed into 247 individual entities. Not counted in the total is the New York based, *National Audubon Society* receipt of \$960,000 in federal farm subsidies- including a New York based tobacco subsidy. [Click here to review our interactive subsidy map.](#)
- **Billions in U.S. Farm Subsidies flowed to only 10,806 Recipients- each receiving at least \$250,000 (2008-11).** Each received an avg. of \$417,316.

U.S. Farm Subsidy Recipients \$250,000+

[Click here to review our interactive subsidy map.](#)



INTRODUCTION

After our Open The Books segment on John Stossel's Special, [*Innovation Nation*](#) showcased our "*Heat Map of Mid-Town Manhattan Farm Subsidies*," people have asked one question, "*How did this happen?*"

Massive amounts of "farm subsidies" are flowing into America's urban areas. How?

The simple answer is that farm subsidies today have nothing to do with "preserving the family farm." Wealthy investors have piggy-backed on a growing government program and made the largess of farm subsidies part of their investment portfolio. *Many of these wealthy investors don't live in "rural areas," but instead utilize "farm managers" and taxpayer dollars to maximize return on their "farm" investments.*

See the federal transfer into your local ZIP code. Key your ZIP code into our free [*Open The Books*](#) app for Apple & Droid platforms, [here](#) and quickly track all disclosed federal farm subsidies flowing into your hometown since 2008.

Key any wealthy ZIP code: Beverly Hills, CA 90212; Winnetka, IL 60093; Miami Beach, FL 33109; Palm Beach, FL 33480; Sea Island, GA 31561; Park City, UT 84060
Even the city government in Park City, UT received thousands in subsidies!

In fact, small family farms are not receiving much money. Our analysis shows that billions of the FY2008-11 subsidies flowed to just 1.4% of recipients- those receiving at least \$250,000! News outlets have repeatedly reported that just 10% of recipients received 74% of the subsidies.

In fact, the farm subsidy is so pervasive and lucrative that many of the top Washington, D.C. farm subsidy recipients are farm subsidy lobbyists, lawyers and executives at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Even elected representatives in the House and Senate are receiving their piece of the federal pie. Just download our free Open The Books app for Apple and Droid, key in Arlington, VA ZIP code (22201) and review the first entry.

In this report, we've just "hit-the-highlights." The purpose has been to illustrate with some absurd examples just how far these federal programs have morphed from their original intentions of "preserving the family farm" and "ensuring a stable food supply."

Traditionally, farm subsidies have been Republican pork while Democrats had the food stamp subsidies to pass out to their base. Both programs were bound together and passed with substantial support. However, this year the House Republicans separated the bills. This year, in theory, reform is possible.

HIGHLIGHTS

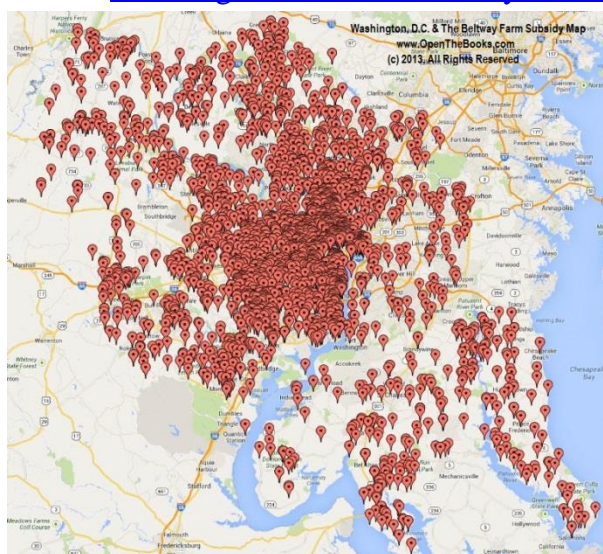
☆ FARM SUBSIDIES- Washington, D.C. & Beltway

Within Washington, D.C. northern Virginia and Maryland ZIP codes, 2,801 entities received a federal government farm subsidy payment with an aggregated total of \$18.478 million. Review our interactive “[Washington, D.C. & Beltway Farm Subsidy Heat Map.](#)”

Federal farm subsidy program dollars are flowing into the “urban areas”- where there are no farms. Farm subsidy lobbyists, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture executives, the very well connected, wealthy heirs, and even U.S. Senators are receiving farm subsidy checks.

Washington, D.C. & Beltway Farm Subsidy “Heat Map”

Click here to review our “[Washington, D.C. & Beltway Farm Subsidy Heat Map](#)”



Amongst our findings:

- Key ZIP code 22201 into the free Open The Books app for Apple & Droid and review the lawmaker appearing first on the farm subsidy list- U.S. Senator Charles E. Grassley (R-IA) who has received \$53,008 at his Arlington, VA condo.
- 250 entities for \$1.54 million in farm subsidies are within the Washington, D.C. ZIP codes- more than in New York City (248), but less than Chicago (930).
- 1,518 entities for over \$8.76 million are mapped within the northern Virginia ZIP codes serving McLean, Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax Station, etc.
- 1,032 entities for over \$8.178 million are mapped within the beltway Maryland ZIP codes serving communities such as Brandywine, Silver Spring, Chevy Chase, Bethesda, etc.

Table: Top 20 Washington, D.C. Farm Subsidy Recipients, 2008-2011

	A	C	D	E	F
1	Name	City	State	ZipCode	Amount
2	Don C Rigby Family Ptn	Washington	DC	20005	\$215,980.00
3	Clyde Kirtley	Washington	DC	20015	\$115,047.00
4	Van R Boyette	Washington	DC	20016	\$83,194.00
5	William T Hawks	Washington	DC	20003	\$70,527.00
6	Thomas L Groppe	Washington	DC	20024	\$43,215.00
7	Barbara K Lunde	Washington	DC	20024	\$43,113.00
8	Kathrine E Jeffrey Irr Trust	Washington	DC	20002	\$41,880.00
9	Marguerite M Lloyd	Washington	DC	20016	\$36,424.00
10	Anne F Heuer	Washington	DC	20007	\$34,435.00
11	Clint Williamson Trust	Washington	DC	20002	\$33,525.00
12	Jeanne Stephens Lee Enter Inc	Washington	DC	20007	\$29,643.00
13	Gary A Hartman	Washington	DC	20017	\$27,517.00
14	Washington Home	Washington	DC	20016	\$25,824.00
15	Gregory F Green	Washington	DC	20008	\$25,453.00
16	Michael R Vaughan	Washington	DC	20007	\$23,944.00
17	Kenneth C Todd	Washington	DC	20036	\$23,587.00
18	James Family Pentwater Trust	Washington	DC	20016	\$23,124.00
19	Susan Smith	Washington	DC	20008	\$20,515.00
20	Debra S Elston	Washington	DC	20002	\$18,918.00

Top 20 Washington, D.C. Farm Subsidy Recipients 2008-2011

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CASE STUDY- The DC insiders, inherited subsidies, and subsidized Non-Profits:

The DC Insiders: William T. Hawks- former Under-Secretary of Agriculture of Marketing and Regulatory Programs in the George W. Bush administration has received over \$70,527 in farm subsidy relating to his ownership of Mississippi farm interests. Most of the subsidy related to conservation payments as well as cotton subsidies. Hawks received the fourth most in Washington, D.C. farm subsidy payments. **Thomas J. Vilsack**- current Agriculture Secretary in the President Barack Obama administration is taking his farm subsidy check in Iowa. Vilsack is the recipient of \$20,046 of farm subsidies between 2008 and 2011, most while he's been Secretary.

Farm Subsidy Lobbyist Receives Third Most DC Farm Subsidies:

Van R. Boyette, owns a Washington DC law practice. Additionally, [2013 federal disclosure forms](#) show Boyette making estimated earnings of \$50,000 as a long-term agriculture subsidy lobbyist. Decades as a farm lobbyist, when the Reagan administration proposed a cut in the sugar subsidy (1986), Boyette was the lobbyist battling any reduction- while representing the largest Florida sugar cane landowner. Boyette has collected \$83,194 (2008-11) in subsidies from his ownership of farming interests in Iowa.

Table: Van R. Boyette Farm Subsidy Payments sample

Van R. Boyette Farm Subsidy Payment Sample, (c) 2013 OpenTheBooks.com, All Rights Reserved				
2010	Van R Boyette	Farm Subsidies	Automated Conservation Reserve Program -	\$11,724.00
2010	Van R Boyette	Farm Subsidies	Crp - Practice Incentive	\$10,003.00
2008	Van R Boyette	Farm Subsidies	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$7,707.00
2009	Van R Boyette	Farm Subsidies	Crp Payment - Annual Payment	\$7,707.00
2010	Van R Boyette	Farm Subsidies	Crp Payment - Annual Payment	\$7,707.00
2009	Van R Boyette	Farm Subsidies	Dcp Program - Direct Payments	\$3,766.00
2008	Van R Boyette	Farm Subsidies	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Corn	\$3,536.00
2008	Van R Boyette	Farm Subsidies	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Corn	\$3,527.00
2009	Van R Boyette	Farm Subsidies	Dcp Program - Direct Payments	\$3,455.00
2010	Van R Boyette	Farm Subsidies	Dcp Program - Direct Payments	\$3,455.00
2008	Van R Boyette	Farm Subsidies	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$3,347.00

Another well-connected DC farm subsidy recipient is **Marguerite M. Lloyd**, the wife of the Very Reverend Samuel T. Lloyd III- the Dean of the Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC. According to the *2008 Annual Stewardship Report of the Washington National Cathedral*, Marguerite and her husband gave donations between \$10,000 - \$25,000. Maybe in this case, most all the federal subsidy dollars were donated to charity.

Other well-connected DC farm subsidy recipient include **Anne F. Heuer**- member of Committee of 100 of Federal City; **Barbara K Lunde**- former aerospace engineer at the Goodard Space Flight Center and featured in the Smithsonian Institution Archives; and **Thomas L Groppe**- has organized the military ceremonies for nine presidential inaugurations as head of the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. Groppe's first ceremony was orchestrating Richard Nixon's White House departure.

Inherited farm subsidies: The **Don C. Rigby Family Partnership**- formed from the entrepreneurial bootstrap story of Don Rigby in Idaho & Utah- is the top farm subsidy in the DC ZIP codes. The patriarch's daughter owns a DC law practice, and lives in Logan Circle DC condo. The family partnership has received over \$215,000 of subsidy checks. In 2012, federal election commission records show that the daughter donated the maximum \$10,730 to Obama Victory Fund 2012.

DC non-profit charities collecting thousands in farm subsidies: Another example of farm subsidies is to the charity, *The Washington Home*. A tremendous 125 year effort of caring for "the incurables," donors have most likely given "farm assets" to *Washington Home* as gifts. This farm land is generating federal farm subsidies which *Washington Home* is receiving- at least \$25,824.

☆ FARM SUBSIDIES- Chicago, Ill.

Within the geographic borders of the City of Chicago, 930 entities received an aggregated total of \$6.129 million in federal government farm subsidy payments. Review our interactive “[Chicago, IL Farm Subsidy Heat Map](#).”

Federal farm subsidy program dollars are flowing into the “urban areas”- where there are no farms. The recipients include grain traders and members of the Chicago Board of Trade, wealthy second generation inheritors, and non-profit organizations such as the *Mallard Habitat Foundation* and a charity of *The Nation of Islam*. Many entities receive the federal subsidies at their downtown loop office buildings or residential mansions.

Nearly every neighborhood in the city receives federal farm subsidy payments- including the Gold Coast, Downtown-Loop, Lincoln Park, and even the President’s neighbors in Hyde Park.

City of Chicago, IL. Farm Subsidy “Heat Map”

Click here to review our [Chicago, IL Farm Subsidy Heat Map](#)



Amongst our findings:

- Key ZIP code 60601 into the free Open The Books app for Apple & Droid and review the millions flowing into the loop office for the benefit of seven “conservation” non-profit charities focused on preserving certain breeds of ducks.
- Of all Illinois municipalities receiving federal farm subsidies, Chicago ranks 7th highest. Illinois is ranked third of the fifty states.
- In Chicago, the 12th highest farm subsidy recipient is *Three Years Economic Savings, Inc*- a charity addressed at the home of Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of *The Nation of Islam*. The entity also received a “commodity loan” for an additional \$26,357 under the George W. Bush administration.
- In fact, in Lincoln Park (60614) alone, there were 224 recipients- living on such streets as Fullerton, Altgeld, Lakeview, Mohawk, Burling, Lincoln Park West, Belden and Larrabee.
- In the Gold Coast ZIP code of 60610, there were 141 recipients- living on such streets as Astor, State, Dearborn, Lake Shore Drive, Delaware, Goethe, and Clark.
- Seven of the Top 21 Chicago Farm Subsidy Recipients are received by different charitable entities of the “The Wetlands Initiative”- most driven to save ducks.

Table: Top 21 Chicago Farm Subsidy Recipients 2008-2011

1	Name	Zipcode	Amount
2	Glenbrook Farms Partnership	60614	\$207,142
3	Gadwall Habitat Foundation	60604	\$145,488
4	Thomas M Matheson	60631	\$144,678
5	Blue Wing Teal Habitat Foundatio	60604	\$143,304
6	Green-Wing Teal Habitat Foundat	60604	\$141,324
7	Wood Duck Habitat Foundation	60604	\$138,552
8	Ringbill Habitat Foundation	60604	\$131,778
9	Mallard Habitat Foundation	60604	\$128,454
10	Pintail Habitat Foundation	60604	\$123,675
11	Munoz Bros Farm Ltd	60623	\$120,000
12	Ira Daniels Trust	60604	\$114,577
13	Three Year Economic Savings Prog	60615	\$103,529
14	Kh Farms LLC	60601	\$96,945
15	Shirley I Maynard Trust	60631	\$80,304
16	Theodore R Maynard Trust	60631	\$63,535
17	John Patrick Fahey Iii	60643	\$63,119
18	Barker Farms Llp	60605	\$63,063
19	Klopf Massbach Farm LLC	60614	\$57,911
20	Richard Malato	60613	\$53,025
21	Wayne E Schmedt	60610	\$51,533
22	Ed Bachrach	60610	\$49,905

Top 21 Chicago Farm Subsidy Recipients 2008-2011
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Case Study Example: The Wetlands Initiative, Downtown Loop, 60604

The seven non-profit 501(c)3 charitable entities of The Wetlands Initiative have received millions in “conservation” farm subsidies over the last thirteen years. During the period 2008-2011, these seven entities have received approximately \$950,000 in federal subsidy dollars. According to IRS 990 tax form, the downtown high-rise office occupancy cost was \$65,762 annually- or \$267,500 over four years.

That’s not living “whole hog,” but literally-- “whole duck”...

Six of the seven charitable entities support different breeds of ducks: *Blue Wing Teal Habitat Foundation, Green-Wing Teal Habitat Foundation, Wood Duck Habitat Foundation, Ringbill Habitat Foundation, Mallard Habitat Foundation, and Pintail Habitat Foundation.*

Case Study Example: Three Year Economic Savings Program, Inc., Hyde Park, 60615

A non-profit organization called ***Three Year Economic Savings Program, Inc*** received 19 payments totaling \$103,529 (2008-11). The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) shows the organization as located at the residence of *The Nation of Islam* leader, Minister Louis Farrakhan. As the top recipient of farm subsidies in the Hyde Park neighborhood, it ranked twelfth amongst all Chicago recipients. The *Illinois Secretary of State* website has the entity’s status as **“Not Good Standing,”** [click here](#). Through the website muhammadfarms.com, the organization is still accepting donations.

Additionally- “Three Year Economic Savings Program, Inc.” received a \$26,367 “commodity loan” issued by the USDA, Commodity Credit Corporation Fund: *to improve & stabilize farm income, assist with a better balance between supply and demand of the commodities.* **This loan was signed for on November 17, 2008 during the last days of the George W. Bush administration.**

Table: “Three Year Economic Savings Program” Farm Subsidy Payments Sample

F_address1	F_fisca	F_fullname	F_programname	F_transactiona	F_transactiondate
4855 S Woodlawn Ave	2008	Three Year Economic Savings Progr	05 - 07 Crop Disaster Assistance	\$27,915.00	3/18/2008
4855 S Woodlawn Ave	2009	Three Year Economic Savings Progr	Dcp Program - Direct Payments	\$12,861.00	10/13/2009
4855 S Woodlawn Ave	2009	Three Year Economic Savings Progr	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Upland Cotton	\$12,386.00	10/15/2009
4855 S Woodlawn Ave	2008	Three Year Economic Savings Progr	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Upland Cotton	\$10,549.00	10/16/2008
4855 S Woodlawn Ave	2010	Three Year Economic Savings Progr	Dcp Program - Direct Payments	\$10,031.00	10/12/2010
4855 S Woodlawn Ave	2008	Three Year Economic Savings Progr	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Upland Cotton	\$8,535.00	10/6/2008
4855 S Woodlawn Ave	2009	Three Year Economic Savings Progr	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Upland Cotton	\$8,252.00	2/4/2009
4855 S Woodlawn Ave	2010	Three Year Economic Savings Progr	Dcp Program - Direct Payments	\$2,830.00	6/7/2010
4855 S Woodlawn Ave	2011	Three Year Economic Savings Progr	Dcp Program - Direct Payments	\$2,830.00	3/1/2011

"Three Year Economic Savings Program, Inc" Farm Subsidy Payment Sample (c) 2013 OpenTheBooks.com, All Rights Reserved

Case Study Example: F & J Farms, Chicago Board of Trade building, 60604

David Frymire is the President of **F & J Farms** and has received \$39,610 in farm subsidies from 2008-2011. Frymire has owned multiple Chicago Board of Trade seats, and is a principal in the Iowa Grain Company- a very successful enterprise with \$670 million in brokerage revenues before selling out to Archer-Daniels-Midland in 2007. IGC also developed industry standard software for electronic order entry and risk management and licensed the software to the Chicago Board of Trade.

★ **FARM SUBSIDIES- New York City, NY**

Within the geographic borders of New York City, 247 entities received an aggregated total of \$1.996 million in federal government farm subsidy payments. Review our interactive “[New York City, NY Farm Subsidy Heat Map.](#)”

Federal farm subsidy program dollars are flowing into the “urban areas”- where there are no farms. The recipients include one of the wealthiest families in our nation’s history; a conservation non-profit of international reputation; Wall Street financiers and Manhattan lawyers. Many entities receive the federal subsidies at their downtown office buildings, such as 30 Rockefeller Plaza, or at their million dollar residential condos.

Table: New York City Farm Subsidies 2008-2011



Amongst our findings:

- New York City is amongst the least rural and most population dense cities in the world, yet millions in “farm subsidies” are flowing into the city. New York State ranks thirty-third of the fifty states in farm subsidies, 2008-2011.
- \$168,082 in farm subsidy flowed to *The National Audubon Society*- a 501(c)3 charity. Additionally, the federal Farm Service Agency made direct payments of \$777,138 (2008-2013) for all types of conservation, wetland reserve and even... *thousands in New York based tobacco subsidies*. If all payments came through the Main Office, then Audubon would top the NYC farm subsidy list.
- The top New York City recipient of federal farm subsidies is **Dina Shapiro Fried/Pamela Shapiro** \$225,600. Dina Shapiro Fried lives on the Upper East Side and her husband is a developer. The farm is located in upstate New York.
- In New York City, many of the top recipients own “out-of-state” farms: **K & T Farms** \$153,945 (NJ); **Romano Johnstone LLC** \$127,100 (KS); **W. Phillip Walsh** \$79,624 (IL); **Scamman & Co LLC** \$43,387 (MO); **Rohdes Sisters Farms LLP** \$61,080 (ND); **Mark F. Rockefeller** \$40,152 (ID).
- **Mark F. Rockefeller**- fourth generation heir and son of the late Vice President Nelson Rockefeller- receives his federal farm subsidy payment at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. Over a decade, hundreds of thousands of dollars in subsidy has been paid to allow for thousands of acres of unused farm land in Idaho to return to nature.

Table: Top 16 New York City Farm Subsidy Recipients, 2008-2011

1	Name	City	State	Zipcode	Amount
2	K & T Farm Corp	New York	NY	10002	\$153,945.00
3	Dina Shapiro Fried	New York	NY	10022	\$124,485.00
4	Matthews Hereford Farm	New York	NY	10075	\$112,278.00
5	Romano-Johnstone Llc	New York	NY	10025	\$101,333.00
6	Pamela Shapiro	New York	NY	10022	\$101,145.00
7	W Phillip Walsh	New York	NY	10005	\$79,624.00
8	Gilman Building Products Llc	New York	NY	10020	\$78,975.00
9	Rohde Sisters Farm Llp	New York	NY	10128	\$61,080.00
10	Castleberry Farms Ptr	New York	NY	10036	\$59,356.00
11	Scamman & Co Llc	New York	NY	10023	\$43,387.00
12	Mark F Rockefeller	New York	NY	10112	\$40,152.00
13	Lisa Jayne Sippel	New York	NY	10024	\$36,757.00
14	Philip H Hagemann	New York	NY	10023	\$33,111.00
15	Mary W Heller	New York	NY	10075	\$31,212.00
16	Robert Rengifo	New York	NY	10011	\$26,498.00
17	Romano-Johnstone Llc	New York	NY	10025	\$25,937.00

Top 16 New York City Farm Subsidies
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Case Study Example: National Audubon Society, New York City, 10014

247 federal farm subsidy payments totaling \$946,000 (2008-2011) flowed into the century old **National Audubon Society**- a nationally leading non-profit conservation organization based in New York City. These payments resulted from a range of federal programs such as: cotton subsidies in Mississippi; tobacco subsidies in New York; wheat subsidies in South Carolina; and corn subsidies in Nebraska. However, the majority of subsidy was derived from wetlands, wildlife habitat, conservation and environmental quality programs. For example, Audubon’s largest payment of \$162,807 was through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program in New York State, Farm Security and Rural Investment Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Table: “National Audubon Society” sample of farm subsidy payments

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	F_CFDAProgramTitle	F_DollarsObligated	F_fiscal	F_MajorAgency	F_PlaceofPerf	F_ProgramSourceDescription	F_RecipientName
2	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	\$162,807.00	2010	Agriculture; De	New York	Farm Security And Rural Invest	National Audubon Society
3	Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program	\$121,353.00	2009	Agriculture; De	California	Farm Security And Rural Invest	National Audubon Society
4	Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program	\$108,508.00	2011	Agriculture; De	California	Farm Security And Rural Invest	National Audubon Society
5	Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program	\$64,095.00	2008	Agriculture; De	Connecticut	Farm Security And Rural Invest	National Audubon Society
6	Conservation Stewardship Program	\$40,000.00	2012	Agriculture; De	California	Farm Security And Rural Invest	National Audubon Society
7	Wetlands Reserve Program	\$40,000.00	2009	Agriculture; De	New York	Farm Security And Rural Invest	National Audubon Society
8	Direct And Counter-Cyclical Payments Progr	\$8,450.00	2010	Agriculture; De	Mississippi	Commodity Credit Corporatio	National Audubon Society
9	Direct And Counter-Cyclical Payments Progr	\$6,689.00	2013	Agriculture; De	Mississippi	Commodity Credit Corporatio	National Audubon Society
10	Direct And Counter-Cyclical Payments Progr	\$6,554.00	2012	Agriculture; De	Mississippi	Commodity Credit Corporatio	National Audubon Society
11	Direct And Counter-Cyclical Payments Progr	\$6,554.00	2011	Agriculture; De	Mississippi	Commodity Credit Corporatio	National Audubon Society

National Audubon Society Farm Subsidy Payment Sample (c) 2013 OpenTheBooks.com, All Rights Reserved

Case Study Example: The “City Farmers” of New York

Whether the farm is in North Dakota, Idaho, Missouri, or Illinois, the farm subsidy check is flowing to a “gentleman or woman farmer” in New York City. **W Phillip Walsh** is a managing director at Wells Fargo Bank, recently purchased a \$2.9 million condo, but he owns farmland in Illinois received \$79,624. The **Rohde Sisters Farm LLP** received \$61,080 for their farm located in North Dakota- one sister is a Washington lobbyist and the other is a Upper East Side public relations executive. **Scamman & Co LLC** received \$43,387 for the farm in Missouri- partially owned by a Bloomberg News energy reporter.

The top NYC farm subsidy recipient is **K & T Farms** owned by Tin Sang IP received \$153,945 in subsidy for his farm in Burlington County, New Jersey. Here is a sample of his farm subsidy payments...

Table: K&T Farms, sample of federal farm subsidy payments

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1	F_CFDAProgramTitle	F_DollarsObligated	F_fiscal	F_MajorAgency	F_PlaceofPerf	F_ProgramSourceDescription	F_RecipientName
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4	Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program	\$108,508.00	2011	Agriculture; De	California	Farm Security And Rural Invest	National Audubon Society
5	Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program	\$64,095.00	2008	Agriculture; De	Connecticut	Farm Security And Rural Invest	National Audubon Society
6	Conservation Stewardship Program	\$40,000.00	2012	Agriculture; De	California	Farm Security And Rural Invest	National Audubon Society
7	Wetlands Reserve Program	\$40,000.00	2009	Agriculture; De	New York	Farm Security And Rural Invest	National Audubon Society
8	Direct And Counter-Cyclical Payments Progr	\$8,450.00	2010	Agriculture; De	Mississippi	Commodity Credit Corporatio	National Audubon Society
9	Direct And Counter-Cyclical Payments Progr	\$6,689.00	2013	Agriculture; De	Mississippi	Commodity Credit Corporatio	National Audubon Society
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★ FARM SUBSIDIES- \$250,000+

Billions of taxpayer dollars flowed to just 10,806 entities receiving a threshold subsidy of at least \$250,000. Review interactive "[\\$250,000+ Farm Subsidy Heat Map](#)"

Across the United States, the large and corporate operators of farm operations received the lion's share of the federal farm subsidy programs. The farm programs have been expanded since 1996 and distribute billions each year. Although farm profits, net worth, and equity valuations are anticipated to be at or near all-time highs, the taxpayer paid subsidies into the wealthiest "farmers" are in the millions per entity.

According to a 2011 report by **U.S. Senator Tom Coburn, M.D. (R-OK)**, "*Subsidies of the Rich and Famous*," the IRS and USDA determined that \$316 million in farm subsidies were paid to millionaires (2002-2009). *The gross majority of those payments went to millionaire recipients in urban areas.*

In Coburn's report, rockers Bon Jovi and Bruce Springsteen, media mogul Ted Turner, and former NBA star Scottie Pippen were highlighted for receiving large subsidies. EWG.org has highlighted President Jimmy Carter 14 current members of Congress, and many others for their largess of federal farm subsidies.

Amongst our findings:

419 entities received \$1 million in farm subsidies or more. These entities averaged \$1.734 million apiece and totaled \$725.162 million (2008-12).

- State Governments occupied two of the Top Six highest farm subsidy recipients:
 - Number one: \$8.541 million flowed to the Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation and beat all private sector farm entities.
 - Number six: \$3.734 million flowed to the Washington Department of Natural Resources and was sixth on the Top 20 Recipients List.
- Even smaller units of government such as the University of Illinois received \$300,000 in farm subsidies and millions over the life of the programs. The high-end vacation hot-spot of Park City, UT received thousands in farm subsidies.

What states have the highest and lowest concentration of highly compensated farm subsidy recipients?

- Texas was the top state with the largest share of the \$250,000 plus payout-\$672.776 million. Iowa was second with \$443.733 million. Mississippi was third with \$414.103 million.

- West Virginia (\$251,958), Connecticut (\$326,423), and Rhode Island (\$398,606) had the lowest share of the \$250,000 plus payout. Each state had just one highly compensated- subsidized farming entity.

Table: National Top 20 Recipients of “Farm Subsidies” 2008-2011

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Name	State	Amount
DNRC Trust Land Management	Montana	\$8,541,615
<u>Cousineau Forest Products Inc</u>	New Hampshire	\$5,333,708
<u>Balmoral Farming Partnership</u>	Louisiana	\$4,337,567
Dublin Farms	California	\$4,300,893
Gila River Farms	Arizona	\$3,833,848
State Of Washington DNR	Washington	\$3,734,807
O & E Farms	Arizona	\$3,286,560
Pioneer Ranches	Arizona	\$3,034,244
<u>Cpt Logco Llc</u>	Texas	\$2,971,298
Kelley Enterprises	Tennessee	\$2,952,438
<u>Condrey Farms</u>	Louisiana	\$2,840,783
<u>Wheatlife Farms Gp</u>	Washington	\$2,794,625
<u>Canal Wood Llc</u>	South Carolina	\$2,786,791
<u>Prime Timber Company Llc</u>	Maine	\$2,778,564
Bailey Brothers Farms	North Carolina	\$2,757,597
Old Durham Wood	California	\$2,702,385
Wilson Ag	California	\$2,667,118
<u>Sandridge Partners</u>	California	\$2,602,598
Smith & Sons	Texas	\$2,594,374
Colorado River Indian Tribes Farm	Arizona	\$2,536,073

Case Study Example: DNR Trust Land Management- Montana

DNR Trust Land Management (\$8.541 million in farm subsidy payments since 2008-2011) has received over 9,896 individual payments under the rules of the federal farm subsidy programs. Payments result from such programs as the Crop Disaster Assistance; Counter-cyclical commodity payments for sunflowers, canola, mustard, sorghum, wheat, barley, corn and oats; conservation reserve programs- annual land rental; DCP- Direct payments; CRP- Annual Payments; Acre Direct Payments; CRP- practice incentive; *and even \$78.61 in “interest penalty.”*

The recipient is an entity of Montana state government- the Department of Natural Resources. The “subsidy” is in reality just a government transfer payment to another government entity.

What stands out in the detailed federal payment history? Many subsidy checks written and recorded for \$2, \$3, and \$7! Are these just data mistakes in the federal checkbook?

Table: DNR Trust Land Management- Montana farm subsidy payment sample

2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Brly	\$3.00	9/12/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Brly	\$92.00	9/12/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Brly	\$7.00	9/12/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Safflower	\$2.00	9/12/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Brly	\$23.00	9/12/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Brly	\$66.00	9/12/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Safflower	\$2.00	9/12/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Wht	\$119.00	9/12/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Wht	\$621.00	9/12/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Wht	\$274.00	9/12/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Oats	\$1.00	9/12/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Direct/Counter Cyclical Payment - Oats	\$2.00	9/12/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$5,648.00	12/18/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$53.00	12/18/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$5,555.00	12/18/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$2,610.00	12/18/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$1,095.00	12/18/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$3,467.00	12/18/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$995.00	12/18/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$3,875.00	12/18/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$6,211.00	12/18/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$6,241.00	12/18/2008	59620
2008	Dnrc Trust dnrc trust land management - i	Farm Sub	Conservation Reserve Program - Annual Land	\$3,343.00	12/18/2008	59620

DNRC Trust Land Management Farm Subsidy Payments Sample (c) 2013 OpenTheBooks.com. All Rights Reserved

Case Study Example: Plum Creek Maine Marketing, Inc & Plum Creek Marketing, Inc **Plum Creek Maine Marketing, Inc & Plum Creek Marketing, Inc** are subsidiaries of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc- www.plumcreek.com and has received \$3.4987 million dollars in farm subsidies. According to the company website, “*Plum Creek is one of the largest landowners in the nation and the most geographically diverse, with approximately 6.3 million acres in major timber producing regions of the United States.*” Entered twice in our data, their total subsidy ranks them 7th overall. The entire subsidy delineated above was received in FY2010 through a federal “biomass crop assistance” program.

METHODOLOGY & RESEARCH:

At www.OpenTheBooks.com, we quantified all federal government transactions since 2000 and compiled these transactions in our data commons. **The Federal Transfer Report™- Farm Subsidies & Big Dogs** documents the federal flow of farm subsidies into each major American urban area: Washington, D.C.; Chicago, IL; New York, NY; and all entities receiving \$250,000+. Once a raw database was assembled, pivot tables were used to organize the data by company, year, federal program, type of spending, etc.

In drafting the Report, it was important to showcase the deep level of detail contained in our data at www.openthebooks.com. We provide a glimpse of this detail in the tables and payment samples within the report.

We hope that citizens, watchdogs, and journalists continue ask questions and demand reform. As the former U.S. Senator Everett Dirksen (R-IL) once remarked, “*When I feel the heat, I see the light!*” Within our report, we not alleging fraud or illegality, but instead our intention is to spark a public policy debate on priorities in view of the massive federal debt of nearly \$17 trillion.

Adam Andrzejewski, founder of OpenTheBooks.com provided data interpretation, gave context and authored this report.

DISCLAIMER:

This report quantifies federal transactions compiled at www.openthebooks.com as a result of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 and data collected from the Farm Subsidy Database within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and via the Freedom of Information Act.

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