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National Food Policy Conference Convenes in the Nation's Capitol

USDA Under Secretary Kevin Concannon, USDA Under Secretary Catherine Woteki, and FDA Deputy Commissioner for Foods Mike Taylor top list of speakers at annual conference

(Washington, DC, May 1, 2012) This year's National Food Policy Conference, scheduled for May 17-18 at the Capitol Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC, will assemble leading experts in food, agriculture and nutrition policy to discuss an array of important and timely issues facing consumers, the food industry and government.

The conference, now in its 35th year, will feature addresses by USDA Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Kevin Concannon, USDA Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics Catherine Woteki, and FDA Deputy Commissioner for Foods Mike Taylor, among others. The conference will examine voter attitudes on food and nutrition issues and provide an update from top Administration officials on key food safety and nutrition initiatives. Speakers and panelists will discuss a number of timely food policy topics including efforts to improve nutrition for competitive foods, the challenges of antibiotic resistant pathogens, the continuing debate on food biotechnology, the role of third party auditors in food safety, and the impact of immigration reform on food production. For a full conference agenda including speakers, please visit the National Food Policy Conference [website](#) and [registration page](#).

For three and a half decades, the National Food Policy Conference has been a Washington institution and a unique collaboration between consumer advocates, the food industry and government. The Conference is organized by the Consumer Federation of America and it is a key national gathering for those interested in agriculture, food and nutrition policy. The event is open to the press. For more information, please visit www.consumerfed.org.

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About the Consumer Federation of America (CFA)

The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) is an association of nearly 300 nonprofit consumer organizations that was established in 1968 to advance the consumer interest through research, advocacy, and education. CFA works to advance pro-consumer policies on a variety of issues before Congress, the Administration and state legislatures, and to ensure a balanced debate on important issues in which consumers have a stake. CFA's Food Policy Institute was created in 1999 and engages in research, education and advocacy on food and agricultural policy, food safety, nutrition and agricultural biotechnology.