For 40 years, 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 is a key national gathering for those interested in agriculture, food and nutrition policy.

This year’s conference will explore an array of important food policy issues facing consumers and the food industry. The conference will examine the direction in which a new Administration and Congress are moving on key food policy issues, take a closer look at the causes and consequences of hunger in America, and explore cutting-edge technologies and business models that are poised to transform the food system. Speakers and panelists will consider timely food policy topics including state and local food policy reform campaigns, immigration policy, infant nutrition, and market concentration in the food sector.

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**Facilitated Discussion: Hunger in America**

According to USDA survey data, food insecurity has declined in recent years, yet hunger still remains pervasive. In 2015, an estimated 12.7 percent of American households at some point lacked access to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members. Leaders from the front lines of the fight against hunger in America discuss the impacts of food insecurity and recent proposals to reform federal food assistance programs.

**Breakout Panels**

**Panel 1: Infant Nutrition and Public Policy**

Proper nutrition plays a vital role in infants’ and toddlers’ healthy development. According to recent research, nearly 10 percent of American toddlers are obese. How should Dietary Guidelines, marketing restrictions, and other public policies respond to the unique needs of society’s youngest members? Panelists discuss upcoming policy reforms and the barriers to improving infant nutrition.

**Panel 2: A Food Safety Modernization Act for Meat and Poultry?**

Congress passed the Poultry Products Inspection Act in 1957. The Federal Meat Inspection Act is even older. Are federal meat and poultry inspection programs antiquated? Does the current law give USDA regulators the necessary tools and authority to address antibiotic resistant pathogens and other emerging food safety threats? A panel of experts discusses how meat and poultry inspection has evolved in the absence of new legislation, and potential areas for reform.

**Panel 3: The Next Farm Bill**

The federal government’s primary agricultural and food policy tool, the Farm Bill, has far-reaching implications for a disparate collection of stakeholders—from family farms to families in need of food assistance, from wildlife enthusiasts to large agrichemical corporations. Competing factions have already begun drawing battle lines for the next Farm Bill. Panelists discuss the various positions and how factors like historically low commodity prices and a lagging rural economy will play out in the debate.

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Panel 1: Consolidation in the Food Industry
Seemingly every segment of the food industry is consolidating at a rapid pace. Do market forces make concentration inevitable? At what point should regulators intervene? A panel of experts discusses the impacts of consolidation on consumers and the food industry, and government’s role in structuring the marketplace.

Panel 2: Leading the Way to Less Food Waste
According to recent estimates, nearly 40 percent of food in America ends up in a landfill. The U.S. has set a goal of reducing that waste in half by 2030, and industry leaders have already made considerable progress towards achieving that objective. Panelists discuss innovative industry practices and identify the most promising strategies going forward.

Panel 3: Food and Immigration
Researchers estimate that roughly half of all U.S. farm workers are undocumented immigrants. These workers also account for much of the labor force for dairies, meat processors, restaurants, and other entities throughout the food supply chain. How will the food system be affected by proposals to restrict immigration? Panelists discuss the role of immigrants in various segments of the food sector and the potential for adaptation to new immigration policies.

Break
Facilitated Discussion: Food Industry Disruptors
From online ordering to meat-free protein to gene editing, emerging technologies are changing the food industry. How are new investors and startup companies influencing the way Americans eat? What technologies pose the greatest potential to disrupt industry norms and public policy? Industry innovators discuss what they are doing to transform our food system.

Keynote Address
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Registration

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Includes all sessions, conference materials, lunch on Tuesday and continental breakfast on Wednesday

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| Government, academic and non-CFA public interest groups and independent nutritionists and dietitians | $175 |
| Designated representatives of CFA member groups | $120 |
| College or graduate students | $75 |

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