

# Make America Healthy Again (MAHA)

\* Updated August 2025. Another update will be provided when MAHA strategy is released.\*



## Background

The MAHA commission is led by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and also includes Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin.

## MAHA Commission Report

The MAHA Commission's report on human health and food is critical of:

> **Ultra-processed foods**, including meat that is minimally processed to increase shelf stability, enhance food safety, or improve nutrient availability.

**We ask** the MAHA Commission to consider an NPPC-provided "ultra-processed food" definition to maintain American's access to nutrient dense foods. It is important that foods processed to increase food safety and preservation not be negatively or misleadingly labeled. Processed pork products – such as bacon, sausage, and ham – allow for increased shelf stability and food safety while maintaining nutrient density.

> **Food additives**, which are not all created equal and many of which are used in pork products to increase food safety, preservation, and nutrient availability.

**We ask** the MAHA Commission to protect these approved food additives for these purposes.

> **Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS)** status.

**We ask** the MAHA Commission and FDA to exclude animal feed from the GRAS reform, as it would lead to the loss of critical agricultural nutritional tools that safeguard animal health and welfare.

> **Farm production practices**, especially the use of pesticides.

**We ask** the MAHA Commission to follow a risk-based science approach as the gold standard of science – rather than a hazard-based approach that would lead to over-regulation of American farmers.

Producers are upset and disappointed in the **lack of outreach and communication** from the administration and not including stakeholders in the MAHA conversation about our livelihood and reputation.

Producers are also very concerned with the administration **questioning the safety of modern agriculture** and creating doubt amongst consumers. Modern agriculture practices are guided by peer-reviewed, risk-based science – and it continues to play a key role in producing a safe, healthy, and abundant food supply.

### Our Asks:

Urge President Trump to support America's farmers and our proven safe modern agriculture practices.

Federal agencies must continue to rely on transparent, risk-based research when making decisions and recommendations about our nation's health.

The MAHA strategy must ensure that we continue to have the ability to produce safe, affordable food – free from overregulation.

We invite you to learn more about policy issues to support and strengthen America's pork producers at [NPPC.org](https://nppc.org).

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