

Green Century<sup>o</sup> is working to create a global food system that protects the environment, public health, and animal well-being to ensure a sustainable food supply for future generations. Our award-winning shareholder advocacy program presses for and secures improved company practices and policies throughout corporate operations and supply chains.

## How does Green Century promote sustainable agriculture?

### Safeguarding animal welfare

Many consumers expect animals to be treated humanely and investors expect companies to recognize consumer demand. Green Century pressures companies to move away from factory farming and enact policies that protect water supplies and minimize animal suffering in their operations and supply chains.

- Pushed Panera\* to only purchase eggs from farms that do not use confinement cages.
- Convinced Tyson Foods\* to eliminate the use of gestation crates.



*Green Century goes beyond voting proxies to pursue dialogues, shareholder resolutions, and global collaborations that deliver tangible results.*

### Protecting Effectiveness of Life-Saving Antibiotics

Incredibly, 70% of antibiotics important to human medicine in the U.S. are sold for use in animals. Green Century pressures companies to stop the routine use of antibiotics in animal agriculture to protect their efficacy in humans.

- Convinced Starbucks\*, the second largest quick service brand in the U.S., to end the routine use of medically important antibiotics in its poultry supply chain.
- Worked with Jack in the Box\* to end the routine use of medically important antibiotics in its poultry supply chain, which affected almost 2,200 U.S. stores.
- Held McDonald's\* accountable for honoring its commitment to phase out the use of beef raised with medically important antibiotics.



## Protecting pollinators and reducing the use of pesticides

The widespread extermination of bees and butterflies vital to food production is a devastating side effect of the use of toxic pesticides. Green Century engages food companies and their suppliers to stop the use of harmful toxins.

- Pressed Keurig Dr. Pepper\* to require that the agricultural products the company buys for its products minimize harmful pesticides and promote natural pest management techniques.

## Reducing food waste

Wasted food causes 58% of methane emissions from municipal solid waste landfills in the U.S. Green Century actively works with companies to implement programs and policies that minimize the generation and purchase of excess food and divert food waste from landfills.

- Led a high-profile campaign to pressure Amazon,\* owner of Whole Foods, to take steps to reduce its food waste. As a rapidly growing actor in the retail food industry, Amazon has a tremendous footprint but discloses little about how it is managing its food waste.
- Convinced The Hain Celestial Group, a leading producer of organic products such as Celestial Seasonings tea, to cut its greenhouse gas emissions, which for food companies include emissions from farms, fertilizer, and food waste disposal.



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\*As of March 31, 2024, Keurig Dr. Pepper Inc. comprised 0.00%, 0.14% and 0.00%; Starbucks Corporation comprised 1.60%, 0.44% and 0.00%; Jack in the Box, Inc. comprised 0.00%, 0.01% and 0.00% and McDonald's Corporation comprised 0.00%, 0.86% and 0.00% of Green Century Balanced Fund, the Green Century Equity Fund, and the Green Century International Index Fund respectively. As of the same date, other securities mentioned were not held in the portfolios of any of the Green Century Funds. References to specific securities, which will change due to ongoing management of the Funds, should not be construed as a recommendation by the Funds, their administrator, or their distributor.

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