



# GREEN CENTURY FUNDS

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

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## How is Green Century promoting sustainable agriculture?

### Protecting pollinators and reducing the use of pesticides

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

### Ending the routine use of antibiotics in animal agriculture

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.

### 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 minimize any animal suffering in their operations or supply chains.

### Reducing food waste

Food waste in landfills is responsible for 23% of U.S. methane emissions. 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.

### Promoting sustainable protein

Livestock production is responsible for 14.5% of global greenhouse gas emissions. Green Century encourages companies to promote plant-based protein to address consumer concerns about climate change and the impact of factory farms on the environment and animal well-being.



## Ending antibiotic misuse

Successfully engaged 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 by 2020.

Successfully pressed Jack in the Box\* to end the routine use of medically important antibiotics in its poultry supply chain by 2020, affecting almost 2,200 U.S. stores.

Continues to pressure McDonald's,\* one of the largest fast food chains in the world, to expand its antibiotic-free chicken policy to include pork and beef.

## Reducing food waste

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.

## Safeguarding animal welfare

Successfully pushed Panera\* to only purchase eggs from farms that do not use confinement cages and Tyson Foods\* to eliminate the use of gestation crates.

## Protecting pollinators

Successfully worked with Dr Pepper Snapple\* regarding its purchasing of food grown with toxic pesticides, which resulted in the company issuing its first Sustainable Agriculture Policy. This policy requires all of its agricultural suppliers to minimize the use of harmful pesticides and promotes natural pest management techniques.

## Promoting sustainable protein

Successfully encouraged Tyson Foods, the largest U.S. meat company, to explore opportunities in plant-based protein. Within two months of Green Century filing a shareholder resolution, Tyson took an ownership stake in a leading plant-based protein producer, Beyond Meat,\* and launched a \$150 million venture capital fund focused on food innovation.

Green Century is an active member of an investor coalition, supported by \$8.2 trillion in assets, which presses the world's largest food companies, including Costco,\* Kraft Heinz,\* and Walmart,\* to shift away from industrial meat production and support plant-based alternatives.

As of June 30, 2018, Starbucks Corporation comprised 1.83%, 0.65%, and 0.00%; Jack In The Box, Inc. comprised 0.00%, 0.02%, and 0.00%; McDonald's Corporation comprised 0.00%; 1.17%, and 0.00%; Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Inc. comprised 0.00%, 0.21%, and 0.00%; Costco Wholesale Corporation comprised 1.34%, 0.00%, and 0.00%; and The Kraft Heinz Company comprised 0.00%, 0.36%, and 0.00% of the Green Century Balanced Fund, the Green Century Equity Fund, and the Green Century MSCI International Index Fund, respectively. Other securities mentioned were not held in any of the portfolios of the Green Century Funds as of June 30, 2018. References to specific securities, which will change due to the ongoing management of the Funds, should not be construed as a recommendation by the Funds, their administrator, or their distributor.

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