

Addressing Security Risks from Price Fixing and Anti-Competitive Behavior in the Food Supply Chain

Administration Policy:

President Trump issued an executive order (EO) titled [Addressing Security Risks from Price Fixing and Anti-Competitive Behavior in the Food Supply Chain](#), to “determine whether anti-competitive behavior, especially by foreign-controlled companies, increases the cost of living for Americans and address any associated national security threat to food supply chains.”

This EO directs the Attorney General and the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to establish Food Supply Chain Security Task Forces within the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the FTC. The Task Forces should investigate anti-competitive behavior in food supply chains in the U.S. and any foreign influence that may be increasing the cost of food products in the U.S.

The Attorney General and the Chairman of the FTC are also directed to take any necessary action to remedy any anti-competitive behavior. If any evidence of criminal collusion is found by the DOJ Food Supply Chain Security Task Force, the Attorney General is directed to commence appropriate criminal proceedings.

The Task Forces are required to present their findings to Congress within 180 days of this EO, and again within 365 days of this EO.

Background:

- According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) [Food Price Outlook](#), food prices are expected to increase 2.7 percent in 2026.
 - In 2022, food prices increased by 9.9 percent, faster than in any year since 1979. Food-at-home prices increased by 11.4 percent, while food-away-from-home prices increased by 7.7 percent.
 - In 2023, food prices increased by 5.8 percent as economy-wide inflationary factors, supply chain issues, and wholesale food prices eased from 2022.
- In 2023, DOJ filed a [civil anti-trust lawsuit](#) against Agri Stats Inc. for anticompetitive information exchanges among broiler chicken, pork, and turkey processors.
- In 2025, DOJ opened an [investigation](#) into whether or not large egg producers were conspiring to keep egg prices high during the bird flu outbreak.
- A fact sheet from the White House can be found [here](#).