

*Updated with our consensus answers. Answers are in red. The committee met 3 times and we had some interesting and long discussions. All of us read the listed League materials and some of their other suggested supplemental texts and videos. If you would like to read these materials, here is the link:*  
**<http://www.lwv.org/member-resources/agriculture-update>**

*Limited questions to consider from the LWVUS Agriculture study. Here are 4 questions I thought might be of interest to members of our League. Just these 4 will require quite a bit of reading. All the materials are available online.*

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## Economic Health of the Agricultural Sector

### **Question 4:**

Read: All of the A8 Patent and Trademark Office, A9 Federal Antitrust Agencies, T1 Overview of Farm Management and T7 Overview of Animal Management papers should be read

Should government act on any of the following?

a)

Revise anti-trust legislation to ensure competitive agricultural markets (**Yes**, No, No Consensus)

b)

Enforce anti-trust laws as they relate to agriculture (**Yes**, No, No Consensus)

c)

Promote alternative marketing systems, including regional hub markets, farmer cooperatives, farm markets, etc. (**Yes**, No, No Consensus)

## Food Labeling

### **Question 9:**

We recommend you read all of A2 USDA-Nutrition and A5 Food Labeling.

How sufficient are the following regarding current food labeling?

a)

Nutrition Facts on food labels (Insufficient, **Sufficient**, Too much, No Consensus)

b)

Nutrition Facts on food labels as a means of consumer education (**Insufficient**, Sufficient, Too much, No Consensus)

c)

Common allergen labeling (Insufficient, **Sufficient**, Too much, No Consensus)

d)

Health and ingredient claims that consumers can understand (**Insufficient**, Sufficient, Too much, No Consensus)

**Question 10:**

We recommend you read all of A5 Food Labeling

Which of the following should government achieve regarding marketing and ingredient claims on food labels?

a)

Define (and approve for use) health and safety marketing terms (e.g. immunity support, humane, pasture-raised, natural, etc.) (**Yes**, No, No Consensus)

b)

Regulate the use of images or other sensory advertising (Yes, **No**, No Consensus)

c)

Require that ingredient marketing claims accurately represent what is in the required ingredient list/(**Yes**, No, No Consensus)

**Question 11:**

We recommend you read all of A5 Food Labeling, T3 GE and GE Foods and T8 Nano and Other Technologies

Recognizing that each food developed using any new technology can be unique, and assuming that required food labeling should be useful to consumers, should the following generalized information relating to how products or components are developed be presented on food labels?

See note below question 7. All these questions also assume some percentage threshold of new technology ingredients, such as the 0.9% used in the European Union.

a)

Contains ingredients developed using any new technology stating which technologies are involved (Not Recommended, Voluntary, **Mandatory**, No consensus)

b)

Does not contain ingredients developed using any new technology (Not Recommended, **Voluntary**, Mandatory, No consensus)

c)

If meat, fish, eggs, or dairy products are from animals that have consumed feed developed using any new technology stating which technologies are involved (Not Recommended, Voluntary, Mandatory, **No consensus**)