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## **OpenTheBooks Oversight Report – Harvesting U.S. Farm Subsidies**

*Report maps fiscal year 2017 federal farm subsidies flowing to urban areas, wealthy zip codes, and individuals*

OpenTheBooks.com – a national transparency organization – today released its U.S. farm subsidies oversight report, quantifying all fiscal year 2017 subsidy payments flowing to urban areas, and wealthy zip codes. Research shows more than \$626 million in federal farm subsidy payments during the last three fiscal years flowed to recipients in urban areas where there are no farms. Additionally, just last year, nearly 400 recipients across America pulled down \$1 million or more in farm subsidies each.

*“Our data shows the farm subsidy program has become so lucrative that wealthy investors, corporations, and farm-estate heirs piggybacked on a growing government program and added farm subsidies to their investment portfolios,”* OpenTheBooks CEO and Founder Adam Andrzejewski said.

Residents in America’s five most populated cities received nearly \$17 million in farm subsidies over a three-year period, including Chicago (\$7.7 million), Miami (\$4.5 million), New York City (\$2.8 million), Los Angeles (\$1.6 million), and Philadelphia (\$309,000). In Washington, D.C., more than 350 recipients received \$1.7 million in fiscal year 2017 farm subsidies.

In fiscal year 2017, \$4.8 million in farm subsidies flowed to the upper-middle class elites in America’s most expensive zip codes. Recipients in Beverly Hills and West Hollywood received \$139,080 and \$94,090 over the last three years, respectively.

Taxpayers even forked over \$1.8 billion to pay farmers *not to farm their land*. Through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), farmers received rental payments in exchange for not farming their land – and these contracts can last 10 to 15 years.

Last year, even billionaire businessman Glen Taylor – the owner of the Minnesota Timberwolves NBA team – received \$116,502 in federal farm subsidies for his egg and dairy farm in Iowa. Additionally, twelve members of Congress collected up to \$637,059 in subsidy payments last year alone.

**Read the [report](#) and [search](#) an interactive map to see all six-figure farm subsidy payments by zip code.**

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