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[Milk Industry Fights Back Against 'Anti-Dairy' Groups](#)

January 26, 2015 | by CANDICE CHOI, AP Food Industry Writer | [Comments](#)

As Americans continue turning away from milk, an industry group is pushing back at its critics with a social media campaign trumpeting the benefits of milk. The association says it needs to act because attitudes about

milk are deteriorating rapidly.

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[Proposed Illinois Legislation Would Ban Powdered](#)

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A proposed Illinois law would ban the sale of powdered alcohol before it hits store shelves. The bill defines powdered alcohol as "any powder or crystalline substance containing alcohol produced for human consumption."

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[Woman Gets Bag Full of Cash at Burger King Drive-Thru](#)

January 27, 2015 10:20 am | by Associated Press

A New Hampshire woman got a surprise at a Burger King drive-thru: a bag full of cash instead of the junior spicy chicken sandwich that she had ordered. The bag contained \$2,631, which was the Burger King's bank deposit.



[Fueled by Oil, Agriculture Sector Welcomes Low Diesel Prices](#)

January 27, 2015 9:55 am | by ROXANA HEGEMAN, Associated Press
Livestock producers in the Midwest and vegetable growers in the Sun Belt alike are reaping the immediate benefits. And with average retail gas prices for 2015 forecast to be about \$1 lower than last year, farmers this spring may end up planting more energy-intensive crops.

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[Thirst For Craft Beer Fuels Large Crop of Hops](#)

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A new report from the Hop Growers of America shows a 10 percent increase in acres harvested between 2013 and 2014. The thirst for craft beer helped hop growers produce their largest crop of hops in five years.

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[China Moves to Accept Imports of All US Apple Varieties](#)

January 27, 2015 8:45 am | by NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS, Associated Press
For the first time in several years, all varieties of apples from the United States will go on sale in China. A deal was reached between officials for the U.S. and Chinese governments to grant access to all U.S. apple varieties.

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[Japan Logs Record Trade Deficit in 2014 on Weakening Yen](#)

January 26, 2015 2:55 pm | by ELAINE KURTENBACH, AP Business Writer
The Japanese yen has weakened over the past year to about 117 yen to the dollar compared with about 100 yen in early 2014. That raises the value of Japan's exports in yen terms. But it also pushes up costs for imports of fuel and food.

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[Colorado Lawmakers: To Ban or Not to Ban Powdered Alcohol?](#)

January 26, 2015 1:50 pm | by IVAN MORENO, Associated Press
Lawmakers will consider whether to ban powdered alcohol before the product arrives in stores amid worries that its convenience will make it easy to sneak into schools and sporting events. The product called "Palcohol" is an ounce of rum or vodka in powdered form.

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[Bird Flu Found at Foster Farms' Turkey Ranch in Central Calif.](#)

January 26, 2015 12:50 pm | by Kari Imberg, Associate Editor, Food Manufacturing

Hundreds of turkeys at a central California ranch are being killed to prevent the spread of avian influenza. Federal officials say they found the commercial turkey flock at Foster Farms' Stanislaus County facility to be infected with the H5N8 strain.
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[Experts Agree: Prices, Demand For Beef to Remain High](#)

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High beef prices are here to stay for a while, as recent drought conditions in Texas and around the country have reduced the nation's cattle supply to its lowest numbers in more than 50 years, according to agricultural experts.

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[How Drones Are Flying Their Way Into the Food Industry](#)

January 26, 2015 10:30 am | by Kari Imberg, Associate Editor, Food Manufacturing

Drone technology is already being used in various countries worldwide. With the possibility of drones showing farmers exactly where to spray, fewer chemicals could be used. This could easily translate to lower costs for consumers and less of an impact on the environment.

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[Post Holdings to Buy Cereal Maker MOM Brands For \\$1.15B](#)

January 26, 2015 9:00 am | by Associated Press
Post Holdings will spend \$1.15 billion to bulk up its presence in the market for bagged and hot cereals by buying the privately held MOM Brands Co., maker of Malt-o-Meal cereals.

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[Yogurt Founder Sentenced to 5 Years in Prison For Arson](#)

January 26, 2015 8:25 am | by Associated Press
U.S. District Judge Jane Boyle sentenced 56-year-old Edgar Diaz — who formed Three Happy Cows in 2010 — to five years in prison this month on a federal charge of arson and also ordered him to pay \$1.5 million in restitution.

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[Report Offers Framework to Analyze Effects of Possible Changes to US Food System](#)

January 23, 2015 3:45 pm | by Kari Imberg, Associate Editor, Food Manufacturing

To assist U.S. regulators on decisions about the nation's food system, the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council issued a new report. The study focuses on assessing the health, environmental, social and economic effects of proposed changes to the system.

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[New Video Examines Role of Technology in Raising Animals](#)

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January 23, 2015 3:15 pm | by North American Meat Institute

The use of modern technologies to raise animals has come under scrutiny in recent years as some call for a return to "simpler" practices. A new video examines the role of technology in raising animals and challenges the claim that a return to lower tech livestock production and processing would improve our food supply.

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[\\$300K in Stolen Wine From Famed Restaurant is Found](#)

January 23, 2015 2:35 pm | by Associated Press

More than \$300,000 in world-class wine stolen from a famed Napa Valley, California, restaurant has been recovered from a private cellar in North Carolina. Napa County sheriff's Capt. Doug Pike says it's unclear how the 76 bottles ended up in Greensboro.

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[Study: New Rating System Would Be Easier to Digest Than Current Nutrition Labels](#)

January 23, 2015 2:00 pm | by Lois Abraham, The Canadian Press
If labeling on food was easier for consumers to digest it might improve nutrition and curb the obesity epidemic, suggest two McGill University researchers. Two of the authors of the study compared four labeling systems.
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[Report: Manufacturing Wages Significantly Higher Than Comparable Workers](#)

January 23, 2015 12:50 pm | by Andy Szal, Real Time Digital Reporter
The average manufacturing worker made nearly 11 percent more than a comparable worker outside the manufacturing sector in 2012 and 2013, according to a newly released report. Author Robert E. Scott tabs the wage premium for manufacturing jobs at \$1.78 per hour.

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[Calif. Raisin Case Headed to Supreme Court](#)

January 23, 2015 12:10 pm | by Kari Imberg, Associate Editor, Food Manufacturing

For the second time, Melvin Horne will defend his rights as a raisin farmer by arguing to the Supreme Court. Under a government program, raisin producers are forced to hand over nearly half of their annual crop without getting paid.

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[Sustainability is Challenged as Many Renewable Resources Max Out](#)

January 23, 2015 9:45 am | by MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
The days of assuming natural resources can be swapped in and out to solve shortages — corn for oil, soy for beef — may be over. Scientists found that many key resources have peaked in productivity, pointing to the conclusion that "renewable" is not synonymous with "unlimited."
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[American Shoppers Unlikely to See Benefit From Euro's Drop](#)

January 23, 2015 8:30 am | by SCOTT MAYEROWITZ, ANNE D'INNOCENZIO, AP Business Writers
Americans hoping to save on European goods thanks to a falling euro shouldn't rush to uncork that bottle of French Bordeaux. There's very little to celebrate. There's simply too much demand in the U.S. for any markdowns.
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