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 <p>The Issues</p>	 <p>John McCain</p>	 <p>Barack Obama</p>
<p>The 2008 Farm Bill, which provides disaster protection and help for family farms</p>	<p> Opposed the 2008 Farm Bill. McCain agreed with President Bush's veto of the Farm Bill.</p>	<p>Supported the 2008 Farm Bill. Obama has said that he will reverse Bush's agricultural funding cuts. </p>
<p>Disaster and flood assistance to ensure that farmers survive economically during the worst natural disasters</p>	<p> Has consistently opposed permanent disaster assistance.</p>	<p>Supports making disaster assistance permanent. </p>
<p>Support for family farms by capping megafarms</p>	<p> Despite his opposition to agricultural subsidies, McCain refuses to support caps on megafarm subsidies.</p>	<p>Supports caps on megafarm subsidies to ensure that farm programs support family farmers. </p>
<p>Support for renewable energy, including biofuels such as ethanol</p>	<p> Opposes the use of subsidies to increase biofuel production and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.</p>	<p>A strong supporter of ethanol. Supports the dramatic expansion of biofuels to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. </p>

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