

Senator Mitch McConnell Voted Against Kentucky Farmers



- **Cash receipts for Kentucky farms totaled more than \$5.2 billion in 2012.**
Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2012
- **Kentucky agriculture accounted for 119,525 jobs and total economic output of \$8.4 billion in 2011.** *Source: University of Kentucky, Economic and Policy Update, Vol. 13 No. 6, 6/26/13*

- Sen. McConnell voted **against** the 2013 Farm Bill to reauthorize agriculture and rural development programs through 2018. *Source: S. 954, 6/10/13, Roll call 145*
- Sen. McConnell voted **against** the 2012 Farm Bill to reauthorize agriculture and rural development programs through 2017. *Source: S. 3240, 6/21/12, Roll call 164*
- Sen. McConnell voted **against** an amendment to add \$4.8 billion in emergency disaster relief for farmers who lost crops during 2006 because of floods and drought. *Source: H.R. 5384, 12/5/06, Roll call 271*
- Sen. McConnell voted **against** the 2002 Farm Bill to reauthorize agriculture and rural development programs through 2008. It re-established programs that supplied payments to farmers when commodity prices fell below a specified level. *Source: H.R. 2646, 5/8/02, Roll call 103*
- Sen. McConnell voted to **kill** an amendment that would have required USDA to award research grants on a competitive basis with a scientific peer review. *Source: H.R. 1976, 9/20/95, Roll call 447*
- Sen. McConnell voted **against** an amendment to increase dairy price supports from \$10.10 per hundredweight to \$11.10 and create a voluntary supply management program. *Source: H.J. Res 157, 11/22/91, Roll call 266*
- Sen. McConnell voted **against** a bill to authorize \$100 million to offset interest on restructured private farm loans guaranteed by the Farmers Home Administration and to increase the FmHA loan guarantee program by \$1.85 billion. *Source: H.R. 1096, 2/27/85, Roll call 17*

Agriculture Ratings for Mitch McConnell

American Farm Bureau Federation –
2014: **33%**, 2009-2010: **50%**
National Council of Agricultural
Employers – 2007: **29%**
2006: **55%** 2005: **40%**



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Senator Mitch McConnell Sides with Big Banks Instead of Kentucky Consumers



- **Kentucky residents carry an average credit card debt of \$4,436.**
Source: Washington Post, 8/20/13; TransUnion
- **Since 1989, Sen. McConnell has taken more than \$1,035,580 in campaign contributions from commercial banks.** *Source: OpenSecrets.org*

- Sen. McConnell voted **against** an amendment to restore to the states the right to protect consumers from usurious lenders. *Source: S. 3217, 5/19/10, Roll call 159*
- Sen. McConnell voted **against** an amendment to require credit card firms to inform customers each month of the total principal and interest due if they make only minimum monthly payments. *Source: S. 256, 3/2/05, Roll call 15*
- Sen. McConnell voted to **kill** an amendment to prevent banks from charging non-customers to use their automatic teller machines (ATMs). *Source: S. 1301, 9/17/98, Roll call 275*
- Sen. McConnell voted to **kill** an amendment that rewarded consumers who incurred no finance charges by paying off their monthly credit card balances. The amendment would have also prohibited creditors from charging such consumers a fee in lieu of finance charges. *Source: S. 1301, 9/17/98, Roll call 273*
- Sen. McConnell voted to **kill** an amendment to strike a section of the banking reform bill that included several provisions to protect consumers. *Source: S. 543, 11/19/91, Roll call 256*
- Sen. McConnell voted **against** an amendment to impose a ceiling on credit card interest rates to be no higher than 14%. *Source: S. 543, 11/13/91, Roll call 251*




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Senator Mitch McConnell Sold Out to China



- **Between 2001-2011 Kentucky had 35,700 net jobs displaced due to trade with China.** *Source: Economic Policy Institute, Briefing Paper #345, 8/23/12*
- **The U.S. trade deficit with China hit an all-time record of \$30.5 billion in September 2013.** *Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, 11/14/13*
- **In 2011, U.S. imports from China totaled a record \$339.3 billion.** *Source: New York Times, 3/6/12*
- **Kentucky lost 67,004 manufacturing jobs (or 24%) during the NAFTA-WTO period (1994-2011).** *Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1st Q 2012*

 Sen. McConnell voted **against** a bill to require the federal government to take action against nations such as China that artificially devalue their currency to gain an unfair advantage over U.S. farmers and manufacturers.
Source: S. 1619, 10/11/11, Roll call 159

 Sen. McConnell voted **against** an amendment to stop U.S. companies from sending jobs overseas by denying federal contracts to any firm determined by the Department of Labor to be outsourcing its workforce.
Source: H Res 38, 1/25/11, Roll call 19

 Sen. McConnell voted **for** Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China.
Source: H. R. 4444, 9/19/00, Roll call 251

**Jobs and Trade Ratings
for Mitch McConnell**
**Coalition for a Prosperous
America-2007-2011: F**
**National Foreign Trade
Council-2007-2008: 33%**




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Senator Mitch McConnell Failed Our Kids


- **47.9% of all schools in Kentucky are rural; only six states serve a higher percentage of rural students.** *Source: Why Rural Matters 2013-14, The Rural School and Community Trust, May 2014*
- **The average rural student-to-teacher ratio in Kentucky in 2003 was 18.1 compared to the United States ratio of 14.9.** *Source: Why Rural Matters 2003, The Rural School and Community Trust, February 2003*
- **Between 2002-2008, Kentucky has received \$98,677,715 in total funding for the Reading First Program.** *Source: U.S. Dept. of Education, Budget Service*

 Sen. McConnell voted **against** and helped defeat, an amendment to the Education Department budget to add \$132 million for rural education grants for the 2004 fiscal year. These funds were for the Rural and Low-Income School Initiative which pay for teacher recruitment and retention, support for educational technology and parental involvement activities. That year, Kentucky received more than \$5.6 million to serve 69 school districts.
Source: H.R. 2660, 9/4/03, Roll call 326

 Sen. McConnell voted **against** an amendment to the Better Education for Students and Teachers Act which would have authorized funding to help states and local school districts repair their most dilapidated public school buildings.
Source: S. 1, 5/16/01, Roll call 106

 Sen. McConnell voted **against** an amendment to the Better Education for Students and Teachers Act to authorize an additional \$500 million in fiscal 2002 and in each of the next six fiscal years under the Reading First Program for school library improvements. *Source: S. 1, 5/16/01, Roll call 106*

 Sen. McConnell voted to **kill** an amendment to the Fiscal 1998 Budget Resolution to provide an additional \$5 billion for school repair, renovation, modernization, and construction priorities, offset by closing tax loopholes.
Source: S. Con. Res. 27, 5/22/97, Roll call 79

 Sen. McConnell voted to **kill** an amendment to provide \$30 million to remove asbestos from schools. *Source: H.R. 2491, 9/22/93, Roll call 278*

**2001-2005 Education Ratings
for Mitch McConnell**

**National Parent Teacher Association –
2001-2002: 30%, 2003-2004: 0%**

**National School Boards Association –
2002: 0% 2003-2004: 33%**

**National Association of Elementary
School Principals – 2005 0%**




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Senator Mitch McConnell Turned His Back on Kentucky's Men and Women in Uniform



- **Since 2003, Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), have been responsible for more than 3,200 combat deaths in Afghanistan and Iraq.** *Source: iCasualties.org*
- **Since December 2007, 13 Kentucky soldiers have been killed by IED attacks.** *Source: iCasualties.org*

 Sen. McConnell voted **against** an amendment to the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, for an additional \$213 million for the procurement of Up-Armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (Humvees). *Source: HR 1268, 4/21/05, Roll call 108*

 Sen. McConnell voted **against** an amendment to the FY 2006 Defense Appropriations Act to increase funding by \$360.8 million for armored Tactical Wheeled Vehicles for use in Afghanistan and Iraq. *Source: HR 2863, 10/5/05, Roll call 248*

**Veterans Organizations Ratings for
Sen. Mitch McConnell**
Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America –
2009-2010: **D**
Disabled American Veterans – 2010: **0%**
Military Officers Association
of America – 2009: **0%**
The Retired Enlisted Association – 2006: **0%**



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