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# **New Poll: Trump Voters Overwhelmingly Oppose \$66 Billion Bayer AG-Monsanto Merger**

*Nationwide Survey Shows Concerns Over Food Prices And Impact On Local Farmers*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Farmers and Families First, Inc. today [released a comprehensive nationwide survey](#) of voters who supported President Donald Trump in 2016 finding substantial opposition to the mega-merger between Bayer AG and Monsanto. Over half of voters, 54 percent, oppose the \$66 billion merger over concerns of increased food prices and impact on farmers who provide families with affordable options to feed their families. After voters are presented arguments for and against the merger, opposition among President Trump’s base increases to 78 percent.

Older and low-income women, households with an annual income of less than \$50,000 per year, and rural householders hold the strongest views against the merger. These groups of voters overwhelmingly make up President Trump’s base of supporters. Trump voters’ opposition to the merger centers around concerns about a company becoming too large and too powerful, and increasing costs for consumers.

“President Trump carried the day last November because voters believed he would promote policies that helped working families, rural communities, and American small businesses,” said Dan Conston, chairman for Farmers and Families First. “The proposed merger would hurt the very people who elected President Trump by handing over disproportionate control of an industry to one company and in turn raising both operating costs for farmers and the cost of food for middle class families. We believe the Department of Justice should carefully review the proposed merger and ask the tough questions to ensure it doesn’t negatively impact American families or businesses.”

Last week, Farmers and Families First [released a white paper](#) showing how the proposed merger would raise aggregate seed prices by 5.5 percent and raise cottonseed prices by more than 20 percent. A merged Bayer-Monsanto would control over 35 percent of the global market for corn seeds, roughly 28 percent of the global soybean market, almost 70 percent of the global cottonseed market and up to 69 percent of U.S. approved herbicide-tolerant seeds for alfalfa, canola, corn, wheat, soybean and cotton.

To access a copy of the polling memo, [click here](#).

To view a slide of the key findings, [click here](#).

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