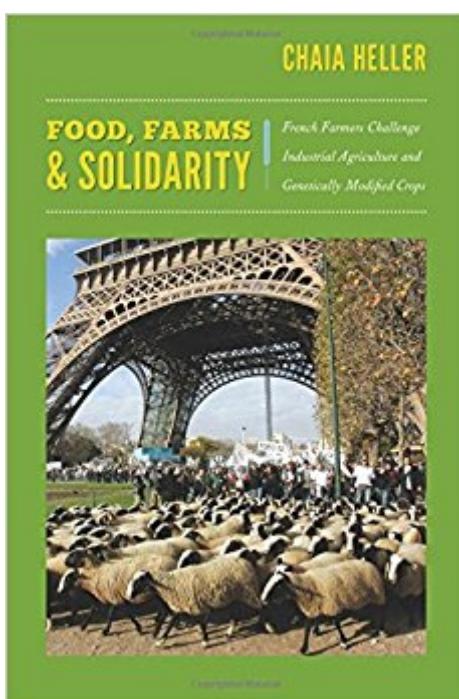


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# Food, Farms, And Solidarity: French Farmers Challenge Industrial Agriculture And Genetically Modified Crops (New Ecologies For The Twenty-First Century)



## Synopsis

The Confédération Paysanne, one of France's largest farmers' unions, has successfully fought against genetically modified organisms (GMOs), but unlike other allied movements, theirs has been led by producers rather than consumers. In *Food, Farms, and Solidarity*, Chaia Heller analyzes the group's complex strategies and campaigns, including a call for a Europe-wide ban on GM crops and hormone-treated beef, and a protest staged at a McDonald's. Her study of the Confédération Paysanne shows the challenges small farms face in a postindustrial agricultural world. Heller also reveals how the language the union uses to argue against GMOs encompasses more than the risks they pose; emphasizing solidarity has allowed farmers to focus on food as a cultural practice and align themselves with other workers. Heller's examination of the Confédération Paysanne's commitment to a vision of alter-globalization, the idea of substantive alternatives to neoliberal globalization, demonstrates how ecological and social justice can be restored in the world.

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I bought this book as I was accepted at the Ecole Supérieure d' Agriculture in Angers to study a MSc in Food Identity starting this summer (2015). French culture is familiar to me and this book (in half way) has brought many issues about french famous social movements forward. Agriculture is one BIG topic and is becoming more and more important in all discussion tables. How does food relates to a country's economy? What are the actors making agriculture such a big issue around the world? I was formerly a chef and look forward to study topics related to the importance of solidarity in the global world hungry for food, quality and variety and the actors participating in such exchanges for better (This book+program)

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