

Food Inc. Key Terms & Concepts

Supply & Demand

Government subsidies

Factory system

Mechanization

Industrialization

Consumer choice & rights

Cheapness

Oligopoly

Monopoly

Income inequality

Economies of scale

Food system

Costs/Benefits

Regulation & Deregulation

Lobbyist

Mass production

Assembly line

Immigration

Labor unions

Debt

Patents

Contracts

The Industrial Food System

Government policy

Farm bills

Commodity crops

Price of production

Cost of production

Regulatory agencies

Self-policing

Efficiency

Competition

Technology

Income level

Exploitation of workers

Workers rights

Production

Price

Capitalism

Sustainability

Intellectual property

Supply shock

Shortage

Alternatives/substitutes

Specialization