



ebony woodruff
ATTORNEY

Agricultural and Food Law & Policy Attorney

- LL.M., University of Arkansas
- J.D., Southern University Law Center
- B.S., Louisiana State University

"There is no sincerer love than the love of food."

-George Bernard Shaw, 1903

My Career Path



LSU

1998 - 2003
Bachelor of Science
Business
Administration

Gap Year

2003 - 2004
LSAT

SULC

2004 - 2007
Juris Doctor
Civil Law

Recession

2007 - 2009
Bar Exam

Early Career

2009 - 2013
NOLAC, PBP
LLC
JP Attorney's Office



My Career Path



<u>State Representative</u>	<u>UARK</u>	<u>Colombia</u>	<u>Covid Pandemic</u>	<u>Currently</u>
2013 - 2016 District 87	2015 - 2019 Master of Laws (LLM) Agricultural & Food Law + Policy	2017 -2019 Biopiracy	2019 - 2021 Lockdown	2022 - Now FSC/LAF NOLA FPAC



The Federation of Southern Cooperatives / Land Assistance Fund is a 56-year-old regional cooperative and rural economic development organization serving a membership of Black farmers, landowners, cooperatives, and other low-income rural people in the South with coop development, land retention, and advocacy.

www.federation.coop

Land Retention & Advocacy Attorney

- Legal Services
 - Estate Planning
 - Business Entities
- Mediation
 - Heirs' Property
 - Adverse Decisions
- Policy
 - Farm Bill
- Advocacy
 - ARPA, Miller v. Vilsack, IRA
 - Advocacy Institute
- Education
 - Conferences, Seminars, etc...



Ebony Woodruff and the 2022 Federation Summer Legal Interns during our Wills Clinic Tour in Alabama.

Ebony Woodruff and the Federation Legal Team



Federation's Annual Meeting Gala



Planting watermelons with the Indian Springs Cooperative Farmers



One of the best parts of my job is connecting with farmers on the land.



Mississippi Farmer
Ben Burkett



I also enjoy getting to play with the animals.

Agricultural and Food Law & Policy

Agricultural and Food law is the study of the laws and policies that apply to the food system, from the farm to the consumer and beyond. It is an emerging area that addresses the intersection of food and a variety of interrelated issues, including: land tenure, social and environmental justice, animal welfare, climate change, food security, nutrition, labeling, food safety, human and civil rights, corporate responsibility, international trade, and much more.

Areas of Specialization

- Agriculture/Agricultural Law
- Animal Welfare
- Biotechnology and Genetically Modified Organisms
- Economics
- Education
- Environment/ Sustainability/Climate Change
- Finance
- Food Justice
- Food Labeling
- Food Safety
- Food Systems
- General Legal
- Hunger/Food Security
- Indigenous Traditional Knowledge
- Intellectual Property
- Labor
- Land Use/Conservation
- Legal Advocacy/Litigation
- Nutrition and Diet-Related Disease
- Policy
- Public Health
- Research
- Rural Issues
- School Food
- Trade
- Urban Agriculture
- and more...

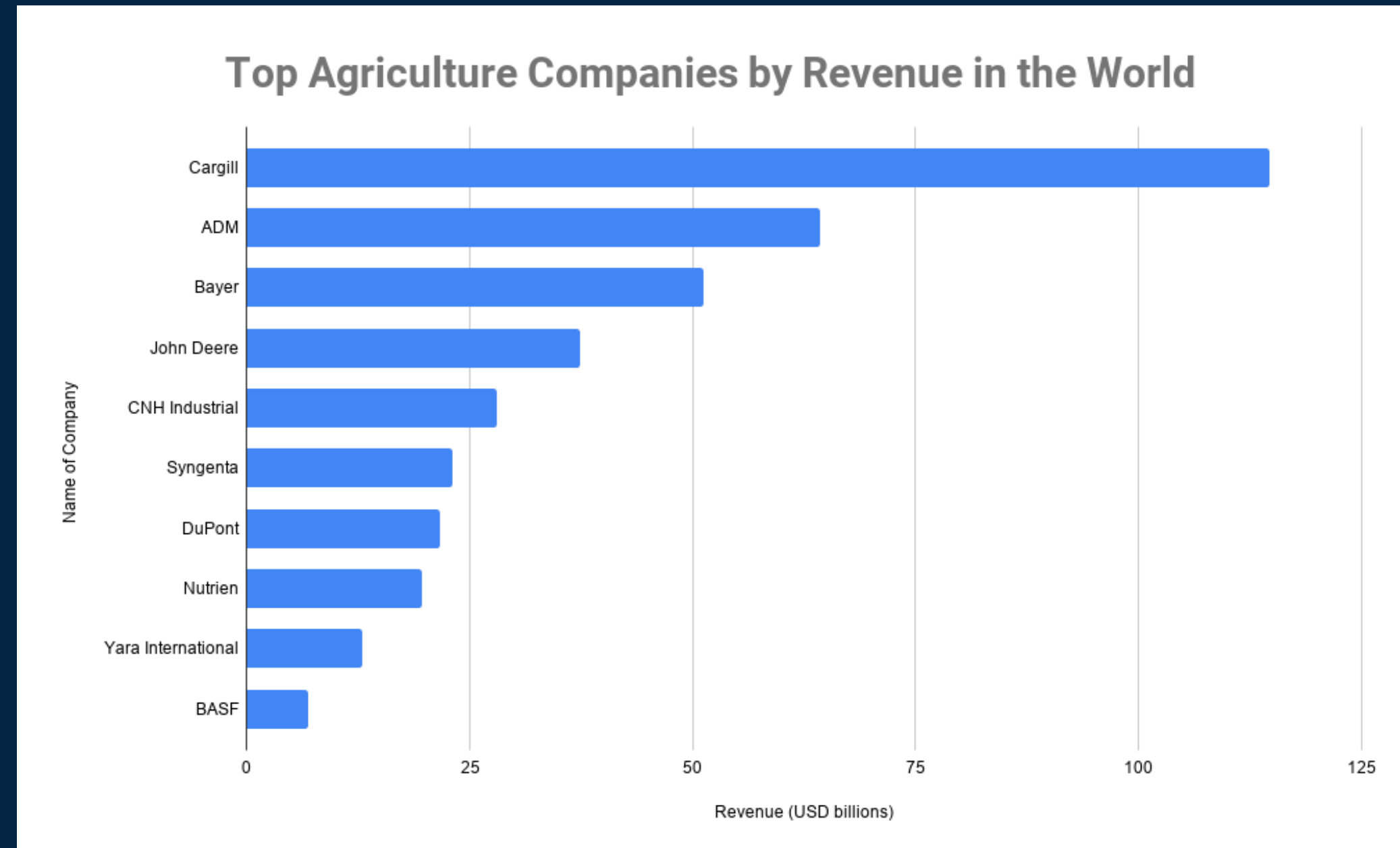
Employment Opportunities

- Law Firms
 - Arent Fox
 - Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
 - The Food Law Firm PLLC
 - King & Spalding LLP
 - McDermott Will & Emery LLP
 - Sidley Austin LLP
 - Steptoe & Johnson LLP
 - Venable LLP
 - Your Firm



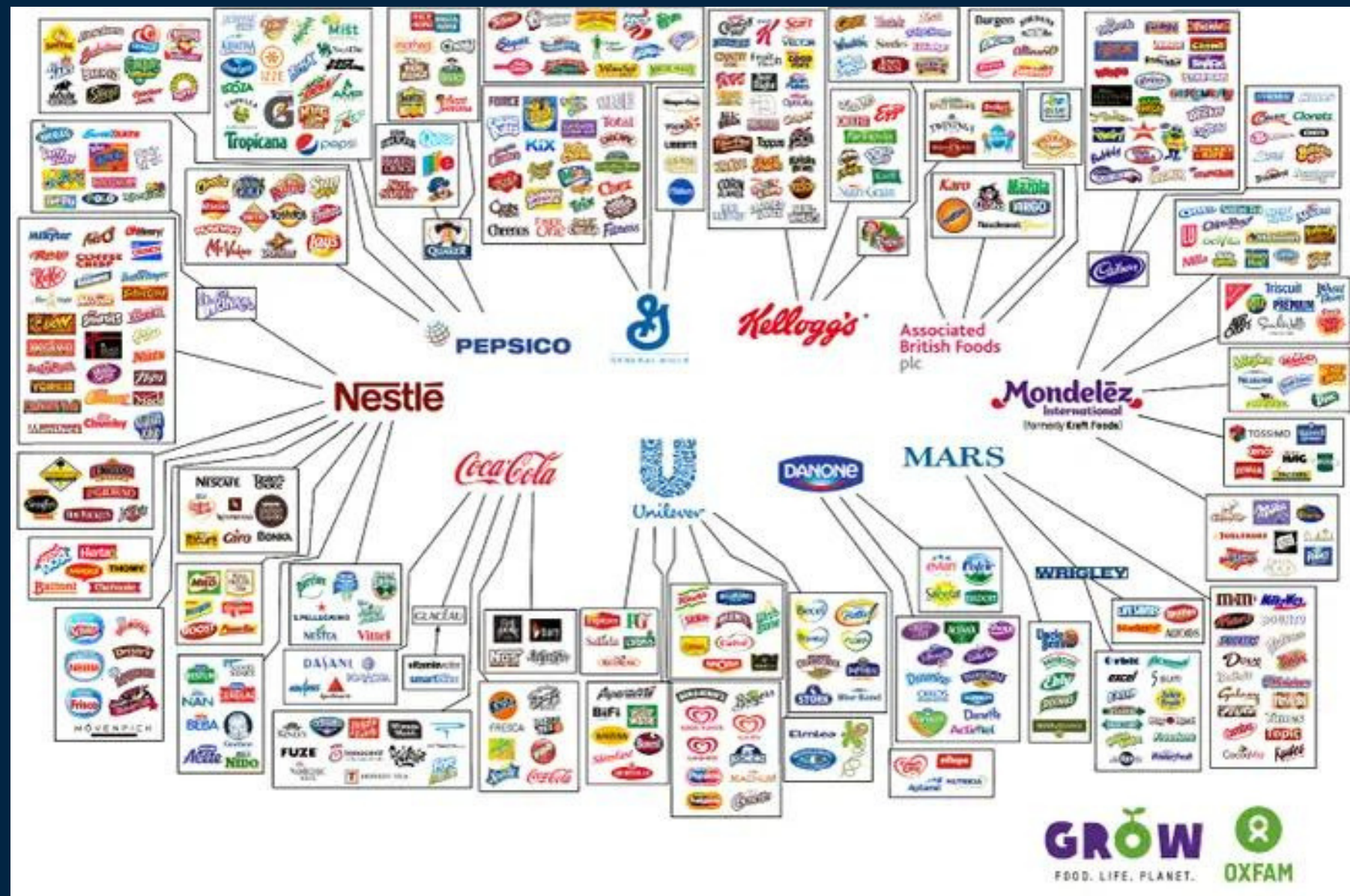
Employment Opportunities

- Agriculture Corporations
 - John Deere
 - Cargill
 - Bayer
 - The Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (ADM)
 - CNH Industrial



The global agricultural industry is worth USD 2.4 trillion, making it one of the largest and definitely the most important of all industries in the world.

Employment Opportunities



- Food Corporations

- Nestle
- General Mills
- Kellogg's
- Mars
- Mondelez
- PepsiCo
- Coca-Cola
- Unilever
- Danone
- Associated British Foods
- Wrigley

These 10 companies control almost every large food and beverage brand in the world.

Employment Opportunities

- **Non-governmental Organizations & Research Institutes**
 - **Local, State, Regional, National, and International**
 - **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**
 - **National Agricultural Law Center (NALC)**
 - **Black Family Land Trust, Inc.**
 - **North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers Land Loss Prevention Project**
- **Universities**
 - **Southern University Law Center Heirs' Property Initiative**
 - **Alcorn State University Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Research Center**
 - **Howard University School of Law: World Food Law Institute**

Employment Opportunities

- Government Agencies - FEDERAL
 - United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 - Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
 - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
 - Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)
 - Farm Service Agency (FSA)
 - Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)
 - National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
 - Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)
 - Risk Management Agency (RMA)
 - Rural Development (RD)
 - United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
 - Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
 - United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - United States Department of the Interior
 - Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Federal Trade Commission
 - United States Agency for International Development
 - United States Department of Commerce
 - United States Department of State

Employment Opportunities

- Government Agencies - STATE
 - Departments of Agriculture
 - Departments of Education
 - Departments of Health
 - Departments of Human Services
- Government Agencies - LOCAL
 - City planning commissions / departments
 - Food policy councils
- Legislative Bodies
 - United States House of Representatives: Agriculture, Natural Resources, Small Business Committees
 - United States Senate: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Energy and Natural Resources; Health, Education, Labor, and Pension Committees
 - State Agriculture, Education, Public Health and Welfare Committees

ADVICE

Undergrad

Study what you love!

Law
School

Get practical
experience!

Career

Your path is your own!
Don't be afraid to blaze
your own trails!



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Thank you