

## **ABSTRACT**

Central to critiques on globalization are discussions of food supply. Global food supply is realized through vast networks existing between farmer, wholesaler, manufacture, retailer and the consumer. Multinational food conglomerates like ADM, Cargill, and Bunge are consolidating vertically and horizontally resulting in a large measure of control of global food supply chains. Consolidation is detrimental to farmers as the added value within the chain is being realized at the manufacturing, wholesale and retail ends. The strength of a relative few players within these supply chains makes farmers vulnerable to manipulation of farm gate prices and exclusion from global markets. This paper explores global food supply, methods of market integration and control, challenges to small farmers and ensuing human rights violations. Research shows that state policy, and process standards tied to CSR protocols working with producer groups can positively effect poverty reduction for small scale producers.