



# Readers' Choice: More Nominees for America's Most Powerful People in Food

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Commenters react to our list of America's 50 Most Powerful People in Food, and nominate their own picks.



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When we revealed our ranked listing of "America's 50 Most Powerful People in Food," we invited readers to give us their own nominations — folks we didn't include but possibly should have.

It's worth reiterating the guidelines that we set for ourselves while working on this project. One, the members of the list had to be based in the U.S. and major influencers of the American food-scene.

Our disclaimer: This is not a roster of people we necessarily like or whose actions we necessarily approve of, i.e., this is not a list of our favorite people.

Engaging in debate over who controls what we eat is of utmost importance to us, and it's heartening that enough readers care about what's on their plate to deliberate with such passion.

### Readers' Most Nominated Powerful People in Food:

#1 Mark Bittman, Food Writer and Cookbooks Author. His "Minimalist" column in The New York Times' Dining Section will be retired this Wednesday.

#1 Anthony Bourdain, Food Writer and TV Personality (tie). Whether as a chef, author, and television personality, Anthony Bourdain is known for his edgy appeal.

#2 Jamie Oliver, Chef-Restaurateur and TV Personality. Oliver has used his fame and success as a British chef and television personality to become an activist for the improvement of children's diets.

#3 Marion Nestle, Nutritionist and Educator. Nestle is a professor of nutrition, food studies, and public health at New York University.

#4 Alton Brown, TV Personality. Brown is an award-winning cookbook author, writer, and television producer, who is best known for his encyclopedia-like food knowledge.

#4 Jacques Pépin, Chef (tie). Renowned French chef whose work as a best-selling cookbook author and television show host has had a profound influence on the food industry over the past several decades.

### More Honorable Mentions:

- Mike Adams, Lidia Bastianich, Rick Bayless, Bobo Bergstrom, Frank Bruni, Giuliano Bugialli, Laura Calder, T. Colin Campbell, David Chang, Bill Clinton, Doug Coont, Ann Cooper, Dana Cowin, Giada De Laurentiis, Tom Douglas, Geoffrey Drummond, Judith Evans, Bobby Flay, Ina Garten, Bill Gates, "Grandma", Gael Greene, Marcella Hazan, Ferd Hoefner, Arianna Huffington, Steve Jenkins, Farmer Lee Jones, Emeril Lagasse, Padma Lakshmi, Howard Lyman, Tony May, Max McCalman, Kathleen Merrigan, Ferdinand Metz, "Mom", Russ Morash, Eileen Opatut, Gordon Ramsay, Eric Ripert, Joshua Rosenthal, Michael Ruhlman, Tim Ryan, Joel Salatin, Merrill Shindler, Reese Schonfeld, Howard Schultz, Dr. Barry Sears, Nancy Silverton, Michele Simon, Steven Starr, Michael Symon, Gary Taubes, Gloria Tsang, S. Irene Virbila, Dr. Andrew Weil, Patricia Wells, Chuck Williams

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by Anonymous, Feb 18, 2011 @ 12:11 PM. Every product touted by a hawker hs to come from somewhere, be developed to the end users sensibilities and finally and only finally be marketed to the end user.

by Anonymous, Feb 11, 2011 @ 10:19 PM. Kermit Lynch

by GhostTown, Feb 03, 2011 @ 3:32 PM. How can you have a website devoted to food that makes no mention of the farmers and ranchers that work every day to grow it for you?

by Anonymous, Feb 03, 2011 @ 3:29 PM. How about a nod to the 2% of us who work hard every day to feed the rest of you.

by Anonymous, Jan 29, 2011 @ 4:57 PM. Lynne Rosetto-Casper from Minnesota Public Radio's The Splendid Table deserves to be on this list.

by Anonymous, Jan 26, 2011 @ 10:14 PM. How about Drew Nieporent (I hope that I spelled that correctly!).

by Anonymous, Jan 26, 2011 @ 1:28 PM. I'm happy to see my name on the Honorable Mentions :-)! Thanks!

Gloria Tsang, RD with HealthCastle.com

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101 Best Restaurants in America. "Best restaurant" lists are tricky. How can any sensible eater compare an iconic pizza parlor or the joint that serves that simply transcendent cheeseburger with the lapidary perfection of a French Laundry or the genre-bending inventiveness...

Death of a Great Catalan Chef. I first ate at El Racó de Can Fabes, in the nondescript town of Sant Celoni, about 30 miles northeast of Barcelona, in 1990.

Report from Madrid Fusión. The event: The ninth annual Madrid Fusión — a "Cumbre Internacional de Gastronomía," or International Summit of Gastronomy, held every January in the Spanish capital.

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Fidelanza (Spaghetti Cooked in Tomato Sauce). It is said that this unusual pasta dish was invented by farmers in the backcountry of western Liguria, who had to cook their own lunch in the fields.

Michael Kelly's Sauce. Michael Kelly (1762-1826) was a Cork-born composer, actor, and operatic tenor and onetime friend of Mozart's.

Grilled Veal Heart. Heart is probably the most accessible of organ meats. It may be daunting in appearance, but it's meaty and firm and cooked, and tastes very good.

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