

The Politics of **SUBSIDIES IN THE CORN BELT**

DEMOCRATIC CASUALTIES IN THE REPUBLICAN WAVE election on Nov. 2 were highly concentrated in rural districts. Many Members of Congress from the farm belt generally assume they must staunchly defend lavish agricultural subsidies

that benefit large agricultural interests in their districts, but this map showing the electoral outcomes and subsidy hauls for 2009 in battleground corn belt districts shows that defending subsidies does not guarantee reelection.

