

# Farmers Alliance

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# 1. DESCRIPTION

The Farmers Alliance is a Kusari political organization formed to lobby for government subsidies and restrictions on the sale of foreign Food.

# 2. HISTORY

[Kyushu](#) is often referred to as the [Samura](#) “company” planet within Kusari, as so many of its inhabitants depend on [Samura](#)’s continued largess. As part of an effort to stimulate rice production on [Kyushu](#), [Samura](#) gradually organized the [Kyushu](#) farmers into cooperatives that would buy Fertilizer and customized seeds from their laboratories in [New Tokyo](#). Consumers paid exorbitant amounts for the rice produced, which everyone swore was much higher quality than that produced in any other part of Kusari, and thus worth the premium price it fetched in [Samura](#)’s Tokyo supermarkets.

With the eventual introduction of Trade Lanes, Kusari farmers were opened to competition with the rest of the [Sirius Sector](#). They lobbied the government heavily, financed with [Samura](#) money, which had the most to lose from cheaper foreign competitors. The government acquiesced for several centuries, leading to astronomical Kusari Food prices. Eventually, under pressure from the Liberty government, Kusari reopened the agricultural imports market, despite intense lobbying by [Samura](#).

[Synth Foods](#) moved in and became an overnight success, opening franchises in the urban areas of [Honshu](#) and [New Tokyo](#). Demand for expensive [Kyushu](#) Food dropped, and many independent farmers were forced out of business. Feeling betrayed, some of the farmers proceeded to organize the Farmers Alliance, a militant group that lobbies for “farmers’ rights” -- which include such things as government subsidies and restrictions on the sale of foreign foods in Kusari. In fact, the Farmers Alliance generally is opposed to foreign influence of any kind, particularly the Trade Lanes that have so damaged their livelihoods.

The general population ignores the Farmers Alliance for the most part, though they do have some support among older Kusari citizens. In reality the Farmers Alliance is little more than a puppet of [Samura](#), who wishes to return to its Food and trade monopoly days. [Samura](#) uses them for much of its dirty work, attacking foreign shippers, [Synth Foods](#), and even [Kishiro](#) on occasion. The Farmers Alliance likes the [Hogosha](#), as they represent the traditional “criminals” of Kusari that fit in with society. They abhor the [Golden Chrysanthemums](#) and their disgusting drug habit. The [Blood Dragons](#) are also viewed with suspicion, since whatever [Samura](#) says is the truth.

# 3. TYPE

Kusari Criminals

# 4. HQ

[Kagoshima Depot - Kyushu](#)

# 5. ARMAMENTS

<https://swat-portal.com/forum/lexicon/entry/142-farmers-alliance/>

- Neutron weapons (strong vs. Molecular, weak vs. Positron)
- Grenade shields

