



The Voices of Agriculture

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Advocates for Agriculture

- <http://www.advocatesforag.com/>
- A couple that is passionate about advocating for the agricultural industry, Troy and Stacy travel all around the world helping those who are involved in agriculture find their voice and the confidence to share their story. They believe that connecting with someone about agriculture should be on everyone's chore list every single day. Their message will inspire people to take action and get out and share the positive story of agriculture.
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AGree

- <http://www.foodandagpolicy.org/>
- AGree drives positive change in the food and agriculture system by connecting and challenging leaders from diverse communities to catalyze action and elevate food and agriculture as a national priority. AGree will develop a broad framework for action to support policy innovation that addresses AGree's four challenges in a comprehensive and interconnected way and overcomes the barriers that have traditionally inhibited transformative change.
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Alliance to Feed the Future

- <http://www.alliancetofeedthefuture.org/>
- Mission: Raise awareness and improve understanding of the benefits and necessity of modern food production and technology in order to meet global demand.
- Scientific societies, universities, industry, and commodity groups have launched separate efforts to balance the debate, but these important initiatives can be more effective if more of us are informed about them and can participate. They are a new umbrella network that connects these disparate efforts so they can become more effective.
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American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

- <http://www.aaas.org/>
- The American Association for the Advancement of Science is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing science around the world by serving as an educator, leader, spokesperson, and professional association. In addition to organizing membership activities, AAAS publishes the journal *Science* – as well as many scientific newsletters, books, and reports – and spearheads programs that raise the bar of understanding for science worldwide.
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American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) The Unified National Voice of Agriculture®

- <http://www.fb.org/>
- AFBF is the unified national voice of agriculture, working through our grassroots organizations to enhance and strengthen the lives of rural Americans and to build strong, prosperous agricultural communities.
- Farm Bureau is an independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization governed by and representing farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity, and social advancement and, thereby, to promote the national well-being.
- Contact – Mace Thornton (Executive Communications Director) – Phone: 202.406.3641; Email: macet@fb.org
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Animal Agriculture Alliance

- <http://www.animalagalliance.org/>
- The mission of the alliance is to communicate the important role of modern animal agriculture to our nation's economy, productivity, vitality, and security, and that animal well-being is central to producing safe, high-quality, affordable food and other products essential to our daily lives.
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Animal Health Institute (AHI)

- <http://www.ahi.org/>
- The Animal Health Institute represents companies with an interest in veterinary health. Since our inception in 1941, AHI has helped create an environment that fosters robust research and development of innovative and needed veterinary medicines. AHI member companies further the discovery, development, and approval of medicines that promote animal health in a research-driven industry. We work to ensure a science-based review of products and encourage continuing research and development in the area of animal health. We represent our members by advocating for animal health issues, including efficient FDA, USDA, and EPS regulatory and approval processes.
- Contact – Ron Phillips (Vice President, Legislative and Public Affairs) – Phone: 202.637.2440; Email: rphillips@ahi.org
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Center for Food Integrity (CFI)

- <http://www.foodintegrity.org/>
- The Center for Food Integrity was established in 2007 to build consumer trust and confidence in today's food system. We are a not-for-profit organization whose members represent each segment of the food chain, including farmers and ranchers, universities, food processors, restaurants, retailers, and food companies. We have four distinct competencies aimed at equipping people in today's food system with the skills and messages they need to effectively communicate with consumers on issues of concern: (1) design and develop models that fundamentally define and communicate trust; (2) research, and develop messages that build consumer trust; (3) train and develop highly qualified messengers to deliver positive and accurate information on today's food system to key influencer audiences; and (4) lead the food system in delivering programs and messages that build consumer trust.
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Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI)

- <http://www.cspinet.org/>
- The Center for Science in the Public Interest is a consumer advocacy organization whose twin missions are to conduct innovative research and advocacy programs in health and nutrition and to provide consumers with current, useful information about their health and well-being.
- In general, CSPI's three main goals are: (1) to provide useful, objective information to the public and policymakers and to conduct research on food, alcohol, health, the environment, and other issues related to science and technology; (2) to represent the citizens' interests before regulatory, judicial, and legislative bodies on food, alcohol, health, the environment, and other issues; and (3) to ensure that science and technology are used for the public good and to encourage scientists to engage in public-interest activities.
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Chicago Council on Global Affairs

- <http://www.thechicagocouncil.org/>
- The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, founded in 1922, is an independent, non-partisan organization committed to educating the public—and influencing the public discourse—on global issues of the day. The Council provides a forum in Chicago for world leaders, policymakers, and other experts to speak to its members and the public on these issues. Long known for its public opinion surveys of American views on foreign policy, The Chicago Council also brings together stakeholders to examine issues and offer policy insight into areas such as global agriculture, the global economy, global energy, global cities, global security, and global immigration.
- General Contact – Phone: 312.726.3860

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Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST)

- <http://www.cast-science.org/>
- The primary work of CAST is the publication of task force reports, commentary papers, special publications, and issue papers written by scientists from many disciplines. These publications and their distribution are fundamental activities that accomplish our mission to assemble, interpret, and communicate credible science-based information regionally, nationally, and internationally to legislators, regulators, policymakers, the media, the private sector, and the public. The wide distribution of CAST publications to nonscientists enhances the education and understanding of the general public.
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Farmers Feed US

- <http://www.farmersfeedus.org/>
- Across our great country, farmers and ranchers work each day to produce the food you and your family enjoy. To us, farming is much more than our chosen profession. It is a commitment to providing you with safe, nutritious, and affordable food; caring for our animals and our land; and giving back to our communities. We invite you to explore this site and learn more about what we do each and every day. You can tour our farms, meet our families, and see for yourself how we grow the food that ends up on your family's table.
- Mid-Atlantic Contact – Email: farmers@farmersfeedus.org

Farm Foundation, NFP

- <http://www.farmfoundation.org>
- Farm Foundation, NFP is a public charity that serves as a catalyst for sound public policy by providing objective information to foster deeper understanding of issues shaping the future for agriculture, food systems and rural regions. Their 80-year reputation for objectivity allows them to bring together diverse stakeholders for discussions on economic issues and public policies.
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Feed the Future

- <http://www.feedthefuture.gov/>
- Feed the Future represents a 3.5 billion dollar pledge to work with partner countries, development partners, and other stakeholders to tackle global food security challenges. Our collective efforts advance global stability and prosperity by improving the most basic of human conditions: the need that families and individuals have for a reliable source of quality food and sufficient resources to purchase it. These efforts, in turn, ultimately advance international security and benefit the American people.
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Field to Market

- <http://www.fieldtomarket.org/>
- Field to Market is a diverse alliance working to create opportunities across the agricultural supply chain for continuous improvements in productivity, environmental quality, and human well-being. The group provides collaborative leadership that is engaged in industry-wide dialogue, grounded in science, and open to the full range of technology choices.
- General Contact – Phone: 202.540.8023; Email: sustag@fieldtomarket.org
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Food Policy Research Center

- <https://www.foodpolicy.umn.edu/>
- Comprised of five schools and colleges at the University of Minnesota, The Food Policy Research Center has released the first in a series of fact sheets designed to inform policymakers on a variety of issues – through a comprehensive, scientific approach – that are a part of a broader analysis of food policy topics. The center is funded by the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

- General Contact – Phone: 612.625.8709; Email: fprc@umn.edu

Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR)

- <http://foundationfar.org/>
- The Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research solicits and accepts private donations to award grants for collaborative public/private partnerships with scientists and entities including the USDA, academia, nonprofits, and the private sector.
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Foundation for Food Integrity (FFI)

- <http://www.foodintegrity.org/about/foundation-for-food-integrity/>
- The Foundation for Food Integrity’s mission is to conduct consumer food research and share these results with the public. In addition, the foundation seeks to inform and engage the public on various elements of today’s food system that interest them.
- The foundation funds consumer research about today’s food in a manner that evaluates progress and supports scientific claims of improvement. They fund food international materials that engage the public and provide new methods of communicating in innovative ways to build trust. They also fund food educational programs aimed at informing today’s consumer about the food they eat.

Global Harvest Initiative (GHI)

- <http://www.globalharvestinitiative.org/>
- The Global Harvest Initiative is a private-sector voice for productivity growth throughout the agricultural value chain to sustainably meet the demands of a growing world.
- General Contact – Phone: 202.450.4891; Email: info@globalharvestinitiative.org

Institute for Feed Education and Research (IFEEDER)

- <http://www.ifeeder.org/>
- The Institute for Feed Education and Research was created to address the enormous challenges our food and feed production industries will face in the next 40 years and beyond, as the world’s population grows by almost 2.5 billion people. Over this period, our food production needs will double.
- IFEEDER collectively represents the food and feed production industries, with the vision of helping to shape our future to feed the world.
- Mission Statement: to sustain the future of food and feed production through education and research.
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International Food Information Council (IFIC)

- <http://www.ific.us/>
- The International Food Information Council is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit, nonpartisan, communications organization. Our mission is to effectively communicate science-based information about food safety and nutrition to health professionals, government officials, educators, journalists, and consumers.
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International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

- <http://www.ifpri.org/>
- The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) provides research-based policy solutions to sustainably reduce poverty and end hunger and malnutrition in developing countries. Established in 1975, IFPRI currently has more than 500 employees working in over 50 countries. It is a research center of the CGIAR Consortium, a worldwide partnership engaged in agricultural research for development. IFPRI’s vision is a world free of hunger and malnutrition. Its mission is to provide research-based policy solutions that sustainably reduce poverty and end hunger and malnutrition.
- General Contact – Phone: 202.862.5600
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National Academy of Sciences (NAS)

- <http://www.nasonline.org/>
- The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) is a private, non-profit society of distinguished scholars. Established by an Act of Congress, signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, the NAS is charged with providing independent, objective advice to the nation on matters related to science and technology. Scientists are elected by their peers to membership in the NAS for outstanding contributions to research. The NAS is committed to furthering science in America, and its members are active contributors to the international scientific community. Nearly 500 members of the NAS have won Nobel Prizes, and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, founded in 1914, is today one of the premier international journals publishing the results of original research. The National Academy of Engineering (NAE) and the National Academy of Medicine (NAM, formerly the Institute of Medicine) -- were founded under the NAS charter in 1964 and 1970, respectively. The three Academies work together as the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to provide independent, objective analysis and advice to the nation and conduct other activities to solve complex problems and inform public policy decisions. The Academies also encourage education and research, recognize outstanding contributions to knowledge, and increase public understanding in matters of science, engineering, and medicine. The Academies' service to government has become so essential that Congress and the White House have issued legislation and executive orders over the years that reaffirm its unique role.
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National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA)

- <http://naiaonline.org/>
- The National Animal Interest Alliance is an educational organization that was founded in 1991 to support and promote responsible animal ownership and use and to oppose animal rights extremism.
- General Contact – Phone: 503.761.8962 or 503.227.8450; Email: support@naiaonline.org
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National Association for the Advancement of Animal Science

- <http://animalsciences.us/#/home/>
- The National Association for the Advancement of Animal Science is comprised of representatives from animal, dairy, and poultry science departments from colleges and universities across the United States who are dedicated to improving overall federal funding for animal agricultural research.
- General Contact – Phone: 202.406.0212; Email: info@animalscience.us

National Council for Science and the Environment (NCSE)

- <https://www.ncseglobal.org/>
- The National Council for Science and the Environment specializes in programs that foster collaboration between the diverse institutions and individuals creating and using environmental knowledge, including research, education, environmental, and business organizations as well as governmental bodies at all levels.
- General Contact – Phone: 202.530.5810; Email: NCSE@NCSEGlobal.org
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National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA)

- <http://animalagriculture.org/>
- The National Institute for Animal Agriculture's purpose is quite simple – to provide a source for individuals, organizations, and the entire animal agriculture industry to obtain information, education, and solutions for challenges facing animal agriculture.
- The mission of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture is to provide a forum for building consensus and advancing solutions for animal agriculture and to provide continuing education and communication linkages to animal agriculture professionals.
- General Contact – Phone: 719.538.8843; Email: niaa@animalagriculture.org
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State Agriculture and Rural Leaders (SARL)

- <http://www.agandruralleaders.org/>
- The State Agriculture and Rural Leaders Association promotes policy solutions and innovation to serve the agricultural and rural communities of the United States and Canada.

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STEMconnector

- <http://stemconnector.org/>
- The one-stop shop for who's doing what in science, technology, engineering, and math.
- STEMdaily™ aggregates and curates news stories in STEM education for all professionals interested in staying up to date on the latest developments in STEM. These news stories will cover topics in education (K-20+); diversity and women in STEM; corporations and the career pipeline; competitions and conferences; scholarships and grants; government; nonprofits; trade and professional associations; states; innovation; foundations; testing and assessments; and STEM policy.
- General Contact – Phone: 202.304.1960; Email: info@stemconnector.org

Supporters of Agricultural Research (SOAR)

- <http://supportagresearch.org/>
- Supporters of Agricultural Research is working with major research institutions, farmer groups, scientific organizations, and private sector partners who believe a strong competitive grants program will encourage top scientists from multiple disciplines – from botany and biology to energy and engineering – to address the many agriculture-related challenges facing our country today.
- General Contact – Phone: 571.257.7625; Email: administrator@supportagresearch.org
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Union of Concerned Scientists

- <http://www.ucsusa.org/>
- The Union of Concerned Scientists is the leading science-based nonprofit working for a healthy environment and a safer world. UCS combines independent scientific research and citizen action to develop innovative, practical solutions and to secure responsible changes in government policy, corporate practices, and consumer choices.
- Contact the Washington, D.C. Office – Phone: 202.223.6133
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U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance (USFRA)

- <http://www.fooddialogues.com/>
- The U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance is a newly formed alliance consisting of a wide range of prominent farmer and rancher-led organizations and agricultural partners. This marks the first dialogue as well as answers America's questions about how we raise our food while being stewards of the environment, responsibly caring for our animals, and maintaining strong businesses and communities.
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