



AgForward is a new non-partisan alliance of leading scientific societies, commodity groups, foundations and associations dedicated to food and agriculture research. The alliance is committed to building support for investments in U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food and agriculture research programs that are responsible for scientific breakthroughs that benefit farmers and the daily lives of millions of Americans by ensuring healthy and productive farm fields, clean water, and a safe, nutritious, affordable and plentiful food supply.

#### **Current Steering Committee**

- American Soybean Association
- American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America
- National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
- Organic Farming Research Foundation
- Supporters of Agricultural Research Foundation
- Union of Concerned Scientists

#### **Farm Bill Priorities**

AgForward will advance the following Farm Bill research policy recommendations that were laid out in the [October 2017 coalition letter to Congress](#):

1. Pursue a doubling in USDA food and agricultural research funding
2. Renew and make permanent USDA competitive grant programs currently receiving direct mandatory Farm Bill funding
3. Establish a Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) under the direction of the USDA Office of the Chief Scientist to improve collaboration in addressing emerging opportunities, urgent threats, and/or research requiring greater interdisciplinary approaches across multiple agencies