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Improvement is the Story of the American Farmer

Between 1940 and 1980, the number of farms in the U.S. halved and farm sizes grew. Today, with less land, crop production is twice what it was in 1970. Improvements in technologies and production practices have reduced energy consumption, water use, and greenhouse-gas emissions. Farmers now use drones to monitor crop health, GPS tools to gauge accuracy in field operations, innovative plant breeding techniques and precision farming -- making us more [food secure](#).

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue talks with the BBC

"Whether we own the land, or rent the land, we ought to leave it better than we found it. That's the heartbeat of farming," said U.S. Agriculture Secretary, Sonny Perdue in an exclusive interview with BBC Radio show, *Farming Today* – one of the most popular early radio morning programs in the UK. The former governor of Georgia has long been a major advocate for agriculture and in the interview, he says said that he understands the problem of climate change and few are better equipped to deal [with it than American farmers](#).



Water Quality is a Responsibility

by Suzy Friedman,
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I spent the summer meeting with farmers, commodity groups and food companies in the Midwest to discuss collaborative conservation approaches. Whether we were in Missouri, Iowa or Minnesota, [water quality was top of mind](#).

U.S. Cotton's Sustainability Goals

U.S. cotton growers and their industry partners are to build upon the strong environmental gains achieved over the past 30 years by adopting measurable ongoing improvements in sustainable cotton production. The National Cotton Council has set six specific [goals to be pursued by 2025](#).



Responsible Lobster Harvesting

Lobster was not always appreciated as food. Native Americans used lobster to fertilize their fields. During the 1600s, in colonial America, lobsters were considered “poverty food”. They were served to prisoners and indentured servants. Some of these servants rebelled and successfully had it added to their contracts that they would not be forced to eat lobster [more than three times a week](#).



10 Facts about U.S. Agriculture

The United States has been practicing conservation and sustainability long before they became the issues they are today. Here are 10 facts about U.S. sustainable agriculture, forestry and fisheries: 1. The current Clean Water Act in the U.S. dates back to 1948 with the objective to ensure clean, abundant water supplies. Its provisions also help protect fish and other organisms in U.S. waters. 2. Since the 1950's, all Alaska seafood is harvested on the sustainable yield principle as mandated by the [State of Alaska Constitution](#).

The U.S. Sustainability Alliance strives to provide current and important stories about America's farmers, fishermen and foresters. Please let us know how we're doing by taking our 1-minute survey.





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