



The U.S. Sustainability Alliance



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DID YOU KNOW?

Of the more than 2 million farms in the U.S., 97% are operated by farming families.

Responsible Management of Sustainability

The United States has been practicing sustainability long before it became the issue it is today. As responsible stewards of our natural resources, U.S. agriculture, fishery and forestry organizations are dedicated to developing and continuing sustainable practices with ongoing innovation and thoughtful approaches to conservation. We believe that being sustainable means being committed for the long term. But sustainability is not measured by some arbitrary threshold: It is a commitment to innovation and continuous improvement of safe, secure and practical solutions that enable handing down farms, forests, and fisheries to the next generation in good, if not better, conditions. Read about our [conservation programs](#).

Fostering Soil Health

Soil's ability to trap carbon dioxide is potentially much greater than previously estimated, according to Stanford researchers who claim that soil health could "significantly" offset increasing global emissions. Two papers published October 5 in Annual Review of Ecology, Evolution and Systematics and Global Change Biology, emphasize the need for more research into how soil – if managed well – could [mitigate carbon emissions](#).

A Cornerstone of Agriculture

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In the United States, "sustainability" is a cornerstone of our approach to agriculture. Our goal has always been to maintain, improve, and preserve natural resources for future generations, while enhancing the [quality of life for farmers and society](#).

Sustainable Wheat Farming

Wheat farmers across the United States are implementing sustainable farming practices in accordance with what makes sense for their land and their crops. From coast to coast, the best part about the United States is its vast variance in people, towns, weather and landscapes. Each patch of land requires the right type of care according to its location. When you think of it that way, it makes sense that



sustainability can't require [a one size fits all solution](#).



Ag-Tech: A New Era

Sustainable agriculture – reducing waste and maintaining the well-being of natural resources while increasing efficiency – requires innovating. And farmers are great innovators. They have to be. As entrepreneurs who grow our food while keeping an eye on the weather, the state of their environment, and the well-being of their animals, [they problem-solve every day](#).

U.S. Hide & Leather Fact Sheet

The volume of hides and skins collected as a by-product from the meat industry is significant. The leather industry purchases these by-products, which otherwise would mostly go to waste, and transforms them into one of the most versatile and attractive materials on earth. Leather – a protective, versatile, durable, breathable material – is the best way of dealing with the high volume of hides and skins that have to be [sustainably and affordably managed](#).



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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