



# The U.S. Sustainability Alliance



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## DID YOU KNOW?

California supplies more than 80% of the global almond demand.

## Sustainability Solutions Across the Country

The annual Sustainable Agriculture Summit, held last month in Kansas City, Missouri provided a unique platform for farmers to share inspiring stories of how they are advancing sustainable agriculture through conservation and stewardship efforts on their farms. Not only do these heroes do the work that feeds our growing world, but they do so in a way that preserves our natural resources for [generations to come](#).

### Organic Production Grows in the U.S.

Organic production of grains and soybeans is experiencing double digit growth, according to a report by market intelligence firm, Mercaris. The 2017 Organic & Non-GMO Acreage Report provides acreage data and analysis of production by crop and by state. [Read the key findings](#).

### Cropland Map Helps Sustainability

A new map detailing croplands worldwide in the highest resolution yet, will help ensure global food and water security in a sustainable way.

Mapping and monitoring global croplands over time is imperative for ensuring sustainable water and food security because farm management decisions can be based on information specific to the precise location of [croplands and their dynamics](#).

### Changes to E.U. Farm Support

The European Commission plans a major change to its farm support system that will reward farmers for environmental protection instead of prescriptive 'greening measures' currently used.

Commissioner for Agriculture, Mr. Phil Hogan, outlined the plans in a 26-page Commission Communication The Future of Food and Farming in Europe describing it as a "significant step change in the implementation of the [Common Agricultural Policy](#)."



## Strengthening the Supply Chain

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More cooperation along the entire supply chain is needed in order to effectively achieve sustainability. That was the main take-away from the Feeding the World 2017 conference that took place Nov 29, 2017 in Madrid, Spain.

The role innovation plays in achieving sustainability and a circular economy brought together academics, researchers, government officials and others to [discuss this important topic](#).



## U.S. Organic Fact Sheet

Organic agriculture in the U.S. is based on practices that not only protect environmental health, but also strive to improve it. Organic farmers understand that what you put into the soil has a profound impact on what you get out of it. This is why farmers rely on natural processes and materials when developing farming systems – these contribute to soil, crop and livestock nutrition, pests and weed management, attainment of production goals and [conservation of biological diversity](#).

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