



# The U.S. Sustainability Alliance



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## DID YOU KNOW?

Dry beans are nitrogen fixers, meaning they return nutrients to the soil.

### U.S. Sustainability Alliance at UK's Footprint Forum

On May 30, the UK's leading food service consultancy hosted a seminar with the U.S. Sustainability Alliance – "UK food industry sustainability in a global context" in London. Some 50 representatives for the food industry in the UK participated with two panels comprised of leading sustainability experts. Footprint has released [a trailer of the event](#) as well as [a full-length podcast](#).

### U.S. Sustainability Alliance Featured in Farmers Guardian

In his requested essay for the UK's leading weekly farming publication, *Farmers Guardian*, David Green, project director of the U.S. Sustainability Alliance, explains how the 1930's dust bowl was the foundation of American farmer's sustainability practices: When it comes to food production, sustainability is no mere trend, but rather an established part of doing business. Yet the very term – sustainability – is tangled in numerous definitions, descriptions and [concepts leading to confusion](#).

### Mitigating Climate Risk in Ag

*Cultivating Climate Resilience on Farms and Ranches* outlines the best strategies for addressing climate risk in agriculture. Written by Laura Lengnick, this paper was adapted from her book *Resilient Agriculture: Cultivating Food Systems for a Changing Climate*. For Lengnick, the best strategies for addressing climate risk are already familiar to farmers and ranchers through practices commonly associated with [sustainable agriculture](#).

### Consumers Think of Sustainability

by: USA Rice

ARLINGTON, VA -- According to the recently released Annual Food and Health Survey by the International Food Information Council Foundation (IFIC), the importance of sustainability in food production is at an all-time high with consumers, and key drivers of consumer food purchases continue to be taste, price and healthfulness, convenience, and sustainability. The findings present a positive outlook for [rice consumption in 2018](#).



### The Joy of Almonds is Bees

by Cornelia Poku, U.S. Sustainability Alliance

Most people think about bees when they drop a spoonful of honey into their tea, but hardly ever when they bite into an almond-laden granola bar. Almond milk, almond candies, almond oil, almond butter and more couldn't exist without bees. The relationship between almonds and bees is a story of [symbiosis in environmental sustainability](#).



### U.S. Dry Beans Fact Sheet

It is estimated that humans have been growing and eating dry beans for more than 11,000 years. In the Americas, beans have been grown for about 6,000 years. Dry beans, a subgroup of pulses and legumes are climate smart: they simultaneously adapt to varying climates and use less water compared to many other protein sources, require less fertilizers, and they increase biodiversity, all which play a part in reducing [greenhouse gas emissions](#).

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