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DID YOU KNOW?

Some 50% of animal parts considered inedible by Americans are rendered into useful products such as soil conditioners and non-chemical fertilizers.

Almond Board of California Invests \$6.8 Million in Innovation Research Projects

The Almond Board of California (ABC) is to invest \$6.8 million in 75 independent research projects exploring next-generation farming practices, which includes optimal use of everything almond orchards grow. In addition to improving production practices, the research projects help the California almond community provide almond lovers around the world with a [safe, wholesome and sustainable product](#).



Corn Farmers & Environmental NGO Join for One-of-a-Kind Partnership

A U.S. environmental NGO and the country's corn farmers are to work together to help reduce environmental footprints while increasing productivity and profitability. The not-for-profit Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and crop association the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) have agreed to a new one-of-a-kind partnership that will help farmers do what is [best for the environment and for their business](#).

Smart Irrigation Technology

Increased profitability is the main driver for grower investment in smart irrigation. According to a survey by big-data farm analytics company Alpha Brown, the main factors behind the profitability target are

Sustainable Ag at Hultgren Farms

Nate Hultgren, a fourth-generation farmer in central Minnesota takes sustainable agriculture personally. To Nate and his brother, it's a familial responsibility, a duty to their consumers and an obligation to

scarcity of water and the [production of high-value crops](#).



Sustainability Policy Myth

Millennials want to eat foods that they believe create a minimal carbon footprint and they're willing to pay more for their beliefs. For many consumers, sustainability is most often equated to organic foods. While organic farmers can most certainly claim to be sustainable, they are not alone. Practices by virtually any farmer - large or small, organic or conventional - show that sustainability is not a trend, but a way of life. And that includes making the best use of, and investing in, the latest [tools to preserve the environment](#).



the land on which their families depend. Read more about Hultgren Farms' personal relationship with sustainability [in this interview with Nate](#).



U.S. Rendering Fact Sheet

Rendering of meat and poultry production by-products and used cooking oils are environmentally friendly ways to recycle materials that would otherwise be wasted. In short, rendering is recycling. If not rendered, these perishable materials can create human and animal health hazards. Rendering allows for the recovery of fat, protein, and minerals from these raw materials for new uses, such as non-chemical fertilizers and soil conditioners. While providing these essential services and products, rendering also boosts sustainability of animal agriculture by reducing greenhouse gas emissions [and conserving fuel and water](#).

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