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Climate-Smart Agriculture Gets a \$20 Billion Boost Under New Inflation Reduction Act

Close to \$20 billion is to be invested in climate-smart agriculture in the United States. This is part of a \$40 billion support package for agriculture, forestry, and rural development included in the Biden Administration's new Inflation Reduction Act. Described as "the most aggressive action ever to confront the climate crisis", the landmark bill aims to fight inflation, boost domestic energy production and manufacturing, and reduce carbon emissions by 40% by 2030.

[Read more about this historic Act.](#)



The Intertribal Agriculture Council Joins the U.S. Sustainability Alliance

The Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC), representing U.S. agricultural producers across 574 federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska

Native villages, has joined the U.S. Sustainability Alliance (USSA). This brings USSA's membership to 23 U.S. farming, fishery and forestry trade associations and supply chain partners who share a commitment to conservation and continuous improvement. The IAC says it will work alongside the USSA to promote its members, their culture, and their traditional regenerative practices in Europe. [Read more.](#)



Seventy Climate-Smart Projects Receive \$2.8 Billion in USDA Funding

Seventy climate-smart projects have been selected to receive an investment totalling \$2.8 billion under USDA's Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities program. Projects identified in this first round of funding are diverse in terms of applicants and geographic scope and include building climate-smart markets for cotton, reducing methane emissions in rice production, and increasing carbon storage in New England's forests. [Read more about this milestone investment.](#)



U.S. Soy Sustainability Assurance Protocol Earns Silver Level Equivalence with SAI Platform

The U.S. Soy Sustainability Assurance Protocol (SSAP), which verifies and documents sustainable soy production, has earned Silver Level Equivalence when benchmarked with SAI Platform's Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) 3.0. This latest third-party endorsement will ease U.S. soy farmers' access to international markets, says SAI Platform's Joe Iveson, because the FSA is a globally accepted definition of on-farm sustainability. [Read more.](#)



Rendez-Vous with USSA Members in Paris This October

This October, food and beverage industry professionals will converge on Paris for the Salon International de l'Alimentation (SIAL) - the leading food trade show in France and one of the largest in the world. U.S. Sustainability Alliance members will be there in force, taking the opportunity to explain how their products and services can help buyers meet their sustainability targets. [Read more.](#)



Making a Living from the Land Means Treating It Right, Says Tribal Farm Manager Kevin Hudson

Kevin Hudson is a Tribal Farm Manager for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Pendleton, Oregon. He's a farmer by trade rather than ancestry, but conserving the land and leaving it in better shape for the next generation is no less important to him. We spoke to Kevin about the benefits of 18 years of no-till crop production on dry, non-irrigated land and how sustainability is a prerequisite to making a profit. [Read our interview.](#)



Insight & Opinion: A Uniting Point for U.S. Peanut Sustainability

Research shows that consumers want to know where and how their food is grown, and they believe that their food purchases have an impact on the environment. American peanut farmers have a compelling story that will resonate with them, says Eric Coronel, Director of Sustainability at The American Peanut Council. And a new grower initiative will help ensure they have the data to support it. [Read Eric's article about the sustainability of U.S. peanuts.](#)



Field to Market Report Shows Growth in Climate Action Across Agriculture Value Chain

Organizations across the agriculture value chain are focusing greater attention on the climate crisis, according to the latest Climate Compendium from Field to Market: The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture™. The report found that almost a third of Field to Market members (73%) have made public commitments on climate change, growing from 68% in 2021. However, despite the advances made, Field to Market President Scott Herndon says there is more work to be done. [Read more.](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

Over the past 36 years, thanks to new practices and innovations, the [U.S. rice industry has improved land use efficiency by 39%](#), reduced soil erosion by 28%, and halved its water use (52%). #NationalRiceMonth



The U.S. Sustainability Alliance (USSA) is a group of American farmers, fishermen and foresters who have come together to explore and share our values regarding sustainable practices and conservation programs.

USSA Member Organizations:

Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute; Almond Board of California; American Hardwood Export Council; American Peanut Council; Cotton Council International; Food Export Association of the Midwest; Food Export USA Northeast; Intertribal Agriculture Council; Leather and Hide Council of America; North American Export Grain Association; North American Renderers Association; Organic Trade Association; Softwood Export Council; USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council; USA Poultry & Egg Export Council; USA Rice Federation; U.S. Dairy Export Council; U.S. Dry Bean Council; U.S. Grains Council; U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc.; U.S. Meat Export Federation; U.S. Soybean Export Council; and U.S. Wheat Associates

[Learn More About Our Members](#)

WHAT WE'RE READING AND FOLLOWING THIS MONTH:

+ Check out the new section on the [USSA website](#) where you can find the latest industry reports. These include an annual overview of USDA technology innovations that are solving agricultural problems and a recap of the U.S. pork industry's sustainability progress and goals.

+ For the latest research and science intelligence, follow the [USDA-ARS](#) on Twitter. Marvel at developments ranging from innovative uses of peanut skins to advances in growing fresh produce in outer space.

+ [@USagricultureUK](#) is another essential resource for news and facts on American farming, food and agricultural trade, not to mention recipes using delicious U.S. products.

+ And make sure you follow us on our brand-new Instagram account. Check out: [@ussustainabilityalliance](#)



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