



FFAR Benefits American Farmers

Farmers in rural America and across the country face numerous challenges, including high input costs, biosecurity threats, changing supply chain demands and workforce constraints.

Research is critical to solving these and future challenges.

The Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) successfully builds public-private partnerships to fund research addressing the pressing challenges facing American farmers and consumers.



Pausing Funding in 2027

Without additional federal funding, FFAR will have to pause new grantmaking in 2027.

FFAR has committed remaining programmatic funds to grants being awarded in 2026 and maintains reserves to make grant payments on all existing and planned awards.

With no programmatic funds remaining for use beyond 2026, FFAR cannot make any new research investments, leaving critical research needs unmet and forgoing private funding that could benefit the public good.

FFAR secures \$1.40 in non-federal funding for every tax dollar invested in research, allowing government investments to do more with less and exceeding its dollar-for-dollar mandate.

A Highly Successful Model

Congress created FFAR in the 2014 Farm Bill to amplify critical federal investment in public food and agriculture research and bolster U.S. competitiveness globally at a time when China and Brazil are challenging America's dominance in agriculture and innovation.

FFAR's partnership with the private sector, U.S. universities, commodity groups and others ensures that results can be quickly commercialized.

To date, FFAR-funded research has resulted in dozens of commercial innovations that could increase farmer profitability, reduce input needs and boost resiliency and productivity.

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Increasing Farmer Profitability

FFAR invests in technologies that boost U.S. farm productivity and profitability and keep food prices affordable for American consumers.

FFAR partnered with Clemson University and Carolina Seed Systems to develop sorghum-based feed that improves poultry health and reduces costs. Economic analysis confirms cost savings for farmers who adopt the new sorghum varieties, significant gains for poultry integrators and, at base adoption levels, a 10-year return on investment of \$95 to \$138 for every \$1 invested in this project. Project partners are working to scale the sorghum hybrid commercially.

Lowering Input Costs

FFAR invests in research to lower input costs by identifying practices and tools to improve the management and use of antibiotics, pesticides and fertilizers.

In response to the war in Ukraine, FFAR launched the Efficient Fertilizer Consortium. To date, FFAR and the consortium partners have invested **\$9.3 million into 12 research grants** to help farmers use novel and current fertilizers more efficiently, decrease input costs, reduce nutrient losses and improve yield.

Strengthening U.S. Competitiveness

FFAR also leverages check-off dollars to address U.S. farmers' most pressing concerns.

The global soybean market is increasingly demanding high-protein soybeans. To maintain U.S. farmers' competitiveness, FFAR and the United Soybean Board co-funded research to **increase soy crops' protein content and quality**.

Advancing Biosecurity Research

FFAR's biosecurity research portfolio works to safeguard American agriculture from current and future threats.

FFAR has invested in research to mitigate the threat from Fusarium wilt, a devastating fungal disease with historical potential as a bioweapon that attacks several crops, including cotton, lettuce, corn and strawberries.

Responding to Pests & Pathogens

FFAR's Rapid Outcomes from Agricultural Research (ROAR) program quickly funds research in response to emerging pests and pathogens, filling urgent research gaps until traditional, longer-term funding can be secured. Many of FFAR's scientific workforce grantees are also addressing emerging challenges.

In response to New World screwworm, FFAR has already awarded three grants to understand the insect, bolster control efforts and strengthen preparedness. These grants were designed to complement the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) current efforts.

Supporting USDA Research Priorities

USDA and FFAR coordinate on research prioritization to ensure complementarity and alignment with USDA R&D priorities.

480+
grants awarded

\$1:\$1.40
of FFAR funding to matching

\$852M
funding awarded

660+
funding partners