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1,200 Speak Up for Federal Research Funding for Food and Agriculture

More than 1,200 individuals, companies, organizations, educational and research institutions, and other stakeholders have [joined together](#) to stress the vital importance of robust research funding for food and agriculture. This initiative represents one of the largest and most diverse efforts to speak up in support of science for food and agriculture.

[The letter](#) asks the members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (the “super committee”) to increase or at least maintain federal funding for research for food and agriculture as the committee develops overall budget proposals for the future. Recent studies have concluded that research funding for food and agriculture needs to be increased steadily and significantly if future challenges are to be met. For example, signatory Dana Peterson, CEO of the National Association of Wheat Growers, said that, “The super committee must maintain a long-term investment in the public agriculture research system if we are going to increase crop production to meet the demands of a growing, global population for nutritious food.”

The select committee is the bipartisan group charged with issuing a recommendation to Congress by the end of November 2011 to reduce federal budget deficits by at least \$1.5 trillion over the next ten years.

[The signatories](#) come from all 50 states and represent many sectors—from small family farms to large multinational corporations, from individual academic departments to some of the nation’s largest and most prestigious educational institutions. Dr. Roger Beachy, former director of U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture, said that the extraordinarily broad range of interested parties emphasizes “the importance of U.S. agriculture remaining sustainable and internationally competitive into the future.”

The success of the agriculture and food industry plays a significant role in the overall health of the U.S. economy and has been one of the few bright spots in recent years. In 2010, U.S. farms and ranches spent \$288 billion to produce goods valued at \$369 billion; the value of U.S. food and agriculture exports is expected to be more than \$140 billion in 2011, creating a record trade surplus of \$42.5 billion for the

sector. Furthermore, the jobs of 21 million Americans depend on the vitality of the U.S. agriculture and food sector.

Investments in publicly funded research are critical for maintaining a successful agriculture and food sector. For every \$1 invested in publicly funded agricultural research, \$20 in economic activity is generated. Although the private sector engages in its own research and development, it depends upon the results of foundational research provided by public support. According to signatory Michiel van Lookeran Campagne, head of Syngenta Biotechnology, “Federally-funded research for food and agriculture has been a foundation on which technology innovators and growers in the U.S. have built the most competitive agricultural sector in the world. Syngenta invests about a \$1 billion a year in R&D for agricultural innovation to help farmers improve productivity, and the sustainability of their business and the environment.... We translate the knowledge from public sector research in basic science and technology into new products and techniques for growers. Federal funding for this research is essential for U.S. competitiveness.”

As [the letter](#) concludes, “continued investment in science for food and agriculture is essential for maintaining the nation’s food, economic, and national security,” a statement that is endorsed by more than 1,200 individuals and organizations from across the United States.

The letter and list of signatories is available at <http://bit.ly/vOnFvh>.

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Dear Members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction:

We, the 1,200 undersigned organizations, companies, institutions, and individuals, are writing to strongly urge you to place a high priority on funding for research for food and agriculture as you carry out your important charge.

The success of the agriculture and food industry plays a significant role in the overall health and security of the U.S. economy and has been one of the few bright spots in recent years. In 2010, U.S. farms and ranches spent \$288 billion to produce goods valued at \$369 billion; the value of U.S. food and agriculture exports is expected to be more than \$140 billion in 2011, creating a record trade surplus of \$42.5 billion. Furthermore, the jobs of 21 million Americans depend on the vitality of the U.S. agriculture and food sector.

Investments in publicly funded research are critical for maintaining a successful agriculture and food sector. For every \$1 invested in publicly funded agricultural research, \$20 in economic activity is generated. Budgetary decisions made today have far reaching impacts, as the scientific research funded today will be responsible for enhancing the Nation's agricultural productivity and economic prosperity in the future.

Therefore, we strongly urge you to support funding for research for food and agriculture as you develop overall budget proposals for the future. Recent studies have concluded that funding for research for food and agriculture needs to be increased steadily and significantly if future challenges are to be met. At a minimum, we request that funding in the current budget for agricultural research programs be maintained and that further cuts be avoided. Continued investment in science for food and agriculture is essential for maintaining the nation's food, economic, and national security.

Thank you for your consideration and for your support of research for food and agriculture.

Sincerely,
*1,200 organizations, companies,
institutions, and individuals (list attached)*

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1. A&L Great Lakes Laboratories, Inc.
2. AAA Soil Consultants
3. Aregsun Farming Co.
4. Arizona Pest Management Center
5. C. Richard & Associates
6. CID Bio-Science, Inc.
7. Cropper Farms
8. Dakota Indexing LLC
9. Data2Bio, LLC
10. Dow AgroSciences LLC
11. DuPont
12. Eversole Associates
13. Foggy Bottom Farms
14. Food Polymer Science Consultancy
15. Franklin & Franklin Tax Service
16. Franklin Properties
17. GCC-Smart Tools, Inc.
18. Glades Crop Care, Inc.
19. Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative Association
20. GrassRoots Biotechnology
21. Hal Owen & Associates, Inc.
22. Heartland Plant Innovations
23. Houston Spraying & Supply, Inc.
24. Hy-Line International
25. Hy-Line North America, LLC
26. IE-Strategic Crop Services
27. Infinite Enzymes
28. Irrrometer Company, Inc.
29. J. Rettenmaier USA LP
30. Kendall & Associates, Inc.
31. Kerr Pacific Corp.
32. KHH BioSci Inc.
33. Lake Seed, Inc.
34. Lester R. Vough, PhD, LLC
35. Mendel Biotechnology
36. Mennel Milling Company
37. MidAtlantic Farm Credit
38. NebraskaLand National Bank
39. New York Botanics, LLC
40. Recombinetics, Inc.
41. Redrock Services, Inc.
42. River Run Farm
43. Silver Lining Farm
44. Soil Works, Inc.
45. Southeast Soil & Environmental Service, Inc.
46. Star of the West Milling Co.
47. Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.
48. Terra West Consulting, Inc.
49. Van Arsdall & Associates

Educational and Research Institutions

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9. Iowa State University, *Ames, IA*
10. Kansas State University, *Manhattan, KS*

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12. Michigan State University, *East Lansing, MI*
13. Michigan State University College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, *East Lansing, MI*
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15. Montana State University College of Agriculture, *Bozeman, MT*
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48. Utah State University College of Agriculture, *Logan, UT*
49. Veterinary Diagnostic and Investigational Laboratory, *Tifton, GA*
50. Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, *Blacksburg, VA*
51. Virginia Tech, *Blacksburg, VA*

- 52. Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources & Environment, *Blacksburg, VA*
- 53. Virginia–Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, *Blacksburg, VA*
- 54. Washington State University Department of Horticulture, *Pullman, WA*

Organizations and Associations

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| 57. North American Millers' Association | 67. United States Consortium of Soil Science Associations |
| 58. North Central Weed Science Society | 68. Vermont Grass Farmers' Association |
| 59. Northeastern Weed Science Society | 69. Weed Science Society of America |
| 60. Poultry Science Association | 70. Western Growers Association |
| 61. Soil Science Society of America | 71. Western Society of Weed Science |
| 62. Southern Weed Science Society | 72. Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine |
| 63. Southwest Council of Agribusiness | 73. Wine Institute |
| 64. Sports Turf Managers Association | 74. WineAmerica, The National Association of American Wineries |
| 65. U.S. Apple Association | |
| 66. United States Animal Health Association | |

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2. Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Foundation, *Flower Mound, TX*
3. Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET), *Washington, DC*
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