



Vision, Mission, and Principles

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Challenges

Meet future demand for food

Conserve and enhance land, water, soil, and habitat

Improve nutrition and public health

Strengthen farms, workers, and communities

Strategies

Increase agricultural productivity

Align U.S. diet with Dietary Guidelines

Encourage diversity and coexistence in farming systems

Attract young people to food and agriculture

Create a stable, legal workforce

Advance landscape-scale management

Provide access to risk management tools

Reduce post-harvest waste

Strengthen regional food systems

Ensure access to nutritious food

Align production & environmental outcomes

Enable adaptation to change

Understand and reduce adverse health impacts

Redirect research, education, and extension priorities and strengthen institutions

AGree VISION

AGree envisions a world in 2030 in which people everywhere have access to affordable food that is nutritious and safe and promotes their health and well-being. Food and farming systems meet the nutritional needs of a growing global population, conserve the natural resources that sustain us, and diversify the supply of renewable energy feed stocks. Both rural and urban communities are food secure and economically robust. Farmers, ranchers, and workers throughout the food and agriculture supply chain are able to sustain the health of their families, the land, and animals, and benefit from improved access to high-quality education, health care, and career opportunities.

Yields, harvests, and technological disparities between countries have narrowed markedly. Adverse human and environmental health impacts of agricultural inputs and practices are dramatically reduced. Efficient mechanisms are in place in both the public and private sectors to scale up innovative practices and technologies, and manage and overcome new challenges.

The public and private sectors are aligned in promoting access to both domestic and export markets. There is widespread agreement on, and support for, the roles of government, the private sector, and civil society in establishing research priorities and building strong food and agriculture institutions; ensuring food safety; enhancing environmental conservation; supporting producers in the face of catastrophic crop losses; promoting public health; and providing food security and economic opportunity.

The food and agriculture system connects the global community with a shared sense of purpose and the system is recognized as vital to the stability, health, and well-being of our global community. A diverse cross-section of society is actively engaged in forging consensus on continued food and agriculture system change and adaptation, informed by a sophisticated understanding of changing market needs, environmental conditions, and global and local opportunities.

AGree MISSION

AGree seeks to drive positive change in the food and agriculture system by connecting and challenging leaders from diverse communities to catalyze action and elevate food and agriculture policy as a national priority.

The stability, health, and well-being of our global community depends on our collective ability to grow, store, process, and distribute safe, nutritious, and affordable food, fiber, and fuels to a growing global population. Despite the enormous productive capacity, technical acumen, and human skills within the U.S. food and agriculture system, we must challenge ourselves and the international community to find ways to make the best possible use of natural resources, technology, and human potential. In this dynamic new century, all stakeholders have increasingly important roles to play, and AGree engages a wide community to drive transformation of this critical system, including the agriculture, food, nutrition, conservation, environmental, energy, education, food safety, public health, security, international agricultural development, foreign assistance, and economic development communities.

Through its work, AGree will support policy innovation that addresses four critical challenges in a comprehensive and integrated way to overcome the barriers that have traditionally inhibited transformative change. AGree anticipates constructive roles for the private sector and civil society as well as for policymakers.

Principles to Guide Action

AGree's priorities are shaped by six core principles:

1. Address problems at their roots, focusing on prevention.
2. Consider the global as well as domestic effects of U.S. federal policy on the food and agriculture system.
3. Promote resilience through adaptive management that is responsive to changes in social, environmental, and economic conditions.
4. Promote cooperative action among the public, private, and civil sectors to leverage scarce resources and stimulate innovation informed by diverse perspectives and expertise.
5. Enhance knowledge and experience along the entire food and agriculture value chain to more effectively address challenges, scale innovation, and create economic return and sustainable jobs.
6. Rely on sound, transparent science to provide an objective platform for mutual learning and to make progress toward consensus in policy recommendations and initiatives.



AGree FRAMEWORK

AGree's **Mission** is to drive positive change in the food and agriculture system in order to achieve its **Vision**.

AGree has identified four **Challenges** that are central to achieving this Vision and a set of **Principles** for guiding its work to address them.

Our core Principles will shape and refine a set of **Strategies** to address each of the four Challenges.

AGree's evolving plan of work will focus on developing specific **Recommendations** for public policy, private sector, and civil society actions that, over the next decade, can set the stage for continual and transformative change affecting the four Challenges and driving progress toward AGree's long-term Vision.

Definitions of Key Terms

Principle: Statement that describes the core attributes and impacts of the Strategies that AGree proposes to meet the Challenges and achieve its Vision.

Challenges: Multifaceted and often interconnected social, economic, and biophysical issues confronting the global food and agriculture system that necessitate transformative changes in U.S. policy coupled with innovative private-sector and civil society actions.

Strategy: A well-defined approach to address one or more Challenges. The approach is defined by and encompasses a combination of public policy, private sector, and civil society mechanisms and actions. A *cross-cutting strategy* is one that addresses or affects more than one Challenge in a significant way. AGree will promote Strategies that have a high chance of success and are consistent with AGree's Principles.

Policy, Private Sector, and Civil Society Recommendations: Concrete recommendations for changes to public policy and actions by the private sector and civil society that are required to achieve AGree's Vision. Research, analysis, practical experience, and dialogue among diverse interests will inform the recommendations. Recommendations will be designed to implement AGree's Strategies (and thereby meet the Challenges and realize its Vision) in a manner consistent with AGree's Principles.

