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**AGree Commends Chairman Scott for Early Focus on Climate Change Policy**  
*Agriculture Sector Presents Opportunity for Addressing Climate while Delivering Important Co-Benefits - Soil Health, Water Quality and Quantity, Biodiversity*

Washington, DC -- In advance of the House Agriculture Committee's hearing today on climate change and the U.S. agriculture and forestry sectors, AGree, a bipartisan initiative focused on advancing common-sense policies that promote conservation on working lands and support farmers' livelihoods, applauds Chairman David Scott (GA-13) for prioritizing climate-smart agriculture policy.

"Now is the time for Congress and USDA to promote the research and science needed to take climate action and better align financial incentives in our risk management and farm finance system to promote conservation, soil health, and carbon sequestration," said Deborah Atwood, AGree Executive Director and Meridian Institute Senior Fellow. "With Chairman Scott at the helm, we look forward to collaborating with the House on a range of policy options that will build resilience for all farmers - both economically and environmentally - and ultimately lead to a stronger U.S. agriculture sector."

To foster conversation about agriculture policy options, earlier this month, the AGree [Climate, Food, and Agriculture Dialogue](#) (CFAD) released a bold Point of View paper by coalition members Bruce Knight and Chris Adamo that highlights an array of climate-smart agriculture policies. Employing a multifaceted approach, Knight and Adamo outline opportunities the federal government has to create policy that meets the demands of climate change today. Read the full paper [HERE](#).

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