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## **AGree Commends USDA Investment in Climate Corps**

Washington, DC -- This week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the Working Lands Climate Corps to train the next generation of conservation and climate leaders. Todd Barker, CEO of Meridian Institute, which leads the AGree Initiative, released the following statement:

"AGree knows that creating comprehensive and accessible technical assistance is vital to helping producers improve their environmental and economic outcomes. This investment by USDA demonstrates the Agency's commitment to investing in farmers' operations and supporting climate-smart agriculture solutions that benefit their bottom line. Simultaneously, it's an investment in the next generation of young people to build a pipeline of experts as we partner to enhance resilience in communities nationwide."

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## **About The AGree Initiative**

AGree, an initiative of Meridian Institute, focuses on developing innovative and scalable policies and pilot programs that support farmers in improving agronomic and environmental outcomes while adapting to climate change. AGree partners believe there are real opportunities to use federal agricultural policy to incentivize and scale agricultural practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve soil health, and enhance water quality while reducing farmer costs and improving profitability.