



NATIONAL COALITION FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

October 12, 2017

**The Honorable Michael
Conaway, Chairman**
House Committee on Agriculture
1301 Longworth House Office
Building
Washington, DC 20515

**The Honorable Collin Peterson,
Ranking Member**
House Committee on Agriculture
1301 Longworth House Office
Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR)

Dear Chairman Conaway and Ranking Member Peterson:

The undersigned wish to thank the members of the House Committee on Agriculture for their bipartisan support in establishing the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) in the Agricultural Act of 2014, also known as the 2014 Farm Bill. We strongly encourage your continued support for FFAR in the next Farm Bill.

The initial investment of \$200 million in mandatory funding through the Commodity Credit Corporation has been instrumental in helping the U.S. agricultural research enterprise foster continued innovation. FFAR matches every one of its public dollars with non-federal funding, meaning it delivers huge value for American taxpayers by partnering with companies, foundations, universities, trade associations, and philanthropies to solve some of the most crucial issues in food and agriculture. As a result, the U.S. government's \$200 million investment in FFAR will deliver more than \$400 million in scientific programming to benefit farmers and our food system.

FFAR's efforts complement and further the important work of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and contribute to the long-term competitiveness of our nation's food and agriculture sector. The need for advanced solutions remains imperative if we are to continue to lead the world in food and agricultural innovation. Furthermore, a nation able to feed itself and boost economic output through farm exports is a more secure nation. Your work in 2014 to create a new institution for leveraged, public-private partnerships and investments through FFAR was as an inspiration. We urge your continued support of FFAR in the next Farm Bill.

Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership on food and agricultural research, extension and education.

Respectfully Submitted,

1. **Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics**
2. **Agricultural Retailers Association**
3. **Algae Biomass Organization**
4. **American Association of Avian Pathologists**
5. **American Association of Mycobacterial Diseases (AAMD)**
6. **American Dairy Science Association**
7. **American Farm Bureau Federation**
8. **American Feed Industry Association**
9. **American Seed Trade Association**
10. **American Society for Horticultural Science**
11. **American Society for Nutrition**
12. **American Society of Agronomy**
13. **American Society of Animal Science**
14. **American Society of Plant Biologists**
15. **American Sugar Alliance**
16. **American Sugarbeet Growers Association**
17. **American Veterinary Medical Association**
18. **Aquatic Plant Management Society**
19. **Association of 1890 Research Directors**
20. **Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges**
21. **Association of Public and Land-grant Universities**
22. **BIOGEMMA**
23. **Biological Products Industry Alliance**
24. **Cedar Basin Crop Consulting, Inc.**
25. **Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Foundation**
26. **Cherry Marketing Institute Inc.**
27. **Colorado State University**
28. **Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**
29. **Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST)**
30. **Crop Science Society of America**
31. **CropLife America**
32. **Edesia Nutrition**
33. **Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy**
34. **FASS**
35. **Farm Journal Foundation**
36. **Food Marketing Institute**
37. **Global Harvest Initiative**
38. **Grocery Manufacturers Association**
39. **Institute for Sustainability, Energy and Environment at the University of Illinois**
40. **Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)**
41. **International Alliance for Phytobiomes Research**
42. **Iowa Corn Growers Association**

43. **Iowa State University**
44. **Irrigation Association**
45. **Kansas Wheat Commission Research Foundation**
46. **KWS Gateway Research Center**
47. **Marrone Bio Innovations**
48. **Michigan State University AgBioResearch**
49. **Michigan Tree Fruit Commission**
50. **Mississippi State University**
51. **Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals - Multistate Initiative (MDA)**
52. **National Aquaculture Association**
53. **National Association of Plant Breeders**
54. **National Association of State Departments of Agriculture**
55. **National Association of Wheat Growers**
56. **National Chicken Council**
57. **National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NCFAR)**
58. **National Corn Growers Association**
59. **National Cotton Council**
60. **National Council of Farmer Cooperatives**
61. **National Farmers Union**
62. **National Milk Producers Federation**
63. **National Pork Producers Council**
64. **National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC)**
65. **National Wheat Growers Association**
66. **NC State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**
67. **Newtrient, LLC**
68. **North American Millers Association**
69. **North Central Regional Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors**
70. **North Central Weed Science Society**
71. **Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association**
72. **Northeastern Weed Science Society**
73. **PepsiCo**
74. **Pollinator Partnership**
75. **Precision PlantSciences Inc.**
76. **Purdue University College of Agriculture**
77. **ReFED**
78. **Rijk Zwaan USA**
79. **Rural Sociological Society**
80. **Society for Range Management**
81. **Soil Health Institute**
82. **Soil Science Society of America**
83. **Southern Agricultural Economics Association**
84. **Southern Weed Science Society**
85. **Stonyfield**
86. **Sugar Association**

87. **Supporters of Agricultural Research Foundation**
88. **Syngenta**
89. **Taylor Shellfish Farms**
90. **The American Phytopathological Society**
91. **The Fertilizer Institute**
92. **Tri-Ag Consulting LLC**
93. **U.S. Animal Health Association**
94. **U.S. Beet Sugar Association**
95. **U.S. Poultry and Egg Association**
96. **United Egg Producers**
97. **Universities Council on Water Resources**
98. **University of Delaware College of Agriculture and Natural Resources**
99. **University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES)**
100. **University of Nebraska**
101. **University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture**
102. **USA Rice Federation**
103. **Veterinary Regional Referral Hospital, pc**
104. **Wade Water LLC**
105. **Weed Science Society of America**
106. **Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Stations**
107. **Western Society of Weed Science**