

As the world's population grows, how will we feed the people? Where will we get our energy? Who will conserve and protect our natural resources? American farmers have a legacy of expanding production through innovation, research and efficiency. As we look to the future, it's reassuring to know . . .

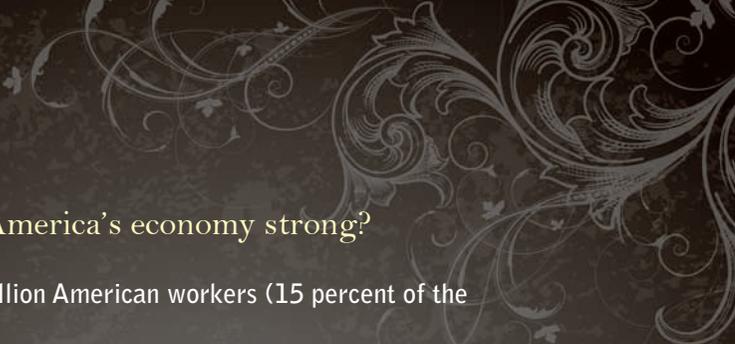
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What keeps America's economy strong?

More than 21 million American workers (15 percent of the total U.S. workforce) produce, process and sell the nation's food and fiber. Agriculture is Alabama's largest industry, contributing nearly \$5 billion to the state's economy each year. Individuals, family partnerships or family corporations own 98 percent of all U.S. farms. In addition, 82 percent of U.S. ag products sold are produced on farms owned by individuals, family partnerships and family corporations.

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Who gives animals the best possible care?

Proper care of animals is a time-honored ethic that makes good sense for farmers. For animals to produce meat, milk and eggs, farmers must take all possible steps to ensure their animals are well cared for. Farm animals receive medical care when needed, just like we do, because healthy animals produce healthy meat, milk, eggs and other products we consume or use. Today's farmers use the latest proven advances in animal handling, husbandry, health and care.



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What provides national security and independence for America?

American farmers are so productive they produce food that is exported around the world. The United States sells more food and fiber to world markets than we import, creating a positive agricultural trade balance. America's rich natural resources and the agricultural diversity of its farms allow our farmers to successfully produce a wide variety of crops and livestock, sustaining our national security. A nation that can't feed itself is no more secure than is a nation that can't defend itself.

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What conserves our wildlife and natural resources?

Farmers have installed conservation buffers around fields to improve soil, air and water quality, enhance wildlife habitat and create scenic landscapes. Improved farming techniques such as limited tillage methods help control soil erosion and improve water quality.

Thousands of acres of trees and grass are planted each year to stabilize the soil, prevent erosion and improve air quality. More than half of America's agricultural producers intentionally provide habitat for wildlife, deer, fowl and other species.



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What reduces America's dependency on fossil fuel?

Alabama farmers produce crops, including corn, soybeans and switch grass, that can be used as renewable, clean-burning fuels. Renewable fuels contribute to a cleaner environment and reduce pollution and reliance on foreign oil. Renewable fuels also contribute to the stability of the rural farm economy by creating another commercial market for crops.

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