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Headline: Email your Senators today and ask them to boost USDA research funding by co-sponsoring the America Grows Act

ASA, CSSA, and SSSA are pleased to announce new legislation introduced by Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) that would significantly increase the federal investment in agricultural research and development.

The America Grows Act (S.2458) would authorize a five percent inflation-adjusted annual increase for the next five years for agricultural research in the following USDA agencies:

- National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
- Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
- Economic Research Service (ERS)
- National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Modeled after the successful 21st Century Cures Act passed in 2016, which spurred additional funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the America Grows Act would provide critical investments in research to address production, nutrition, food security, and other major challenges across the U.S. food and agricultural sector.

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Email to Senators

Headline: Please support agricultural research by co-sponsoring S.2458, America Grows Act

As a constituent living and working in your district, I urge you to support agricultural research at USDA by co-sponsoring the America Grows Act (S. 2458) introduced by Sen. Dick Durbin.

Food and agriculture remain a pillar of the U.S. economy, accounting for nearly \$1 trillion of our GDP, 1 in 10 jobs, and a significant contribution to our nation's trade balance. However, our nation's producers are facing pest, disease, and severe weather challenges that only research can solve.

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