



Farming First

Food Security Statement

Achieving food security for all, with availability, accessibility and affordability of sufficient food with the required nutritious quality in a world of growing population and consumption is a responsibility commonly shared by farmers, governments, researchers, businesses and other representatives of society.

The Farming First coalition believes that agricultural productivity has to be improved and food production increased in a sustainable way to find short and long-term solutions to food security worldwide.

At the center of the solution are the millions of farmers around the world who produce the food we all eat. By providing farmers with the right tools, knowledge and techniques, food security can be realized in all countries.

Subsistence farmers need help to become rural entrepreneurs in order to raise their incomes and break down the vicious cycle of poverty.

The coalition believes that:

- Food security is an immediate and future priority for all countries worldwide
- Farmers need to be at the center of new strategies.
- Governments should invest in their agricultural sectors and policies encouraging investment in developing countries' agriculture should be supported.
- Governments should devise long-term agricultural development strategies supporting the development of local agricultural markets and the farmers' ability to answer market demands.
- Productivity levels in most developing countries have to be raised as much as possible while maintaining and building environmental sustainability.
- Local production should be stimulated by providing farmers with the technology, the knowledge, the market information and the adequate financial services they need.
- Women farmers should become specially targeted recipients because of their vital roles in the agricultural workforce, household food procurement and preparation, and family unit support
- Food security is a complex issue requiring concerted efforts over the long term. International, regional and national policies need to be coordinated and implemented in consultation with farmers.

The six principles developed by Farming First are meant to provide sustainable strategies to secure food security by emphasizing agricultural productivity and sustainability.

To learn more about Farming First six principles: www.farmingfirst.org