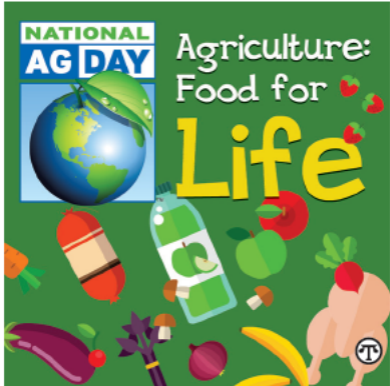


## Our Great Growers

### Recognizing America's Food Producers

(NAPS)—Supply, affordability, variety and wholesomeness accurately and uniquely describe America's highly efficient food production system. Thanks to the unparalleled productivity and ingenuity of U.S. farmers and ranchers, millions of people here and abroad benefit daily from the fruits of their land and labor.

That's because one U.S. farmer produces enough to feed 165 people—106 Americans and 59 people outside the country. Better yet, Americans spend just 10 percent of their disposable income on food, much less than in all other developed countries.



**Join in recognizing the accomplishments of America's food producers on National Ag Day, March 20.**

Today's consumers have a tremendous variety of nutritious products available for their families. There's an almost unending choice of wholesome foods to meet all tastes and dietary needs—year-round fresh, convenient frozen and ready-to-eat, local and traditional, organic and specialty products.

Amazingly, only about 2.2 million farmers and ranchers help feed and clothe a constantly growing U.S. population of 326 million and a global population of 7.6 billion. They do so using less water, land and other resources than ever before. Sustainable, modern practices and innovative production technologies help bring safe, abundant and affordable food to tables around the world, every day.

Each spring, National Ag Day recognizes the accomplishments of America's food producers. On March 20, consumers across the country can celebrate the role farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses play in feeding the world while nurturing a healthy, thriving planet.

According to the Agriculture Council of America, the national organization charged with promoting National Ag Day, this year's theme is Agriculture: Food for Life. It demonstrates the incredible responsibility and commitment farmers and ranchers share in meeting the ever-growing and changing food and fiber demands of consumers.

To learn more about National Ag Day and how America's agricultural producers proudly lead the way in providing the essential Food for Life to the world, visit [www.agday.org](http://www.agday.org).