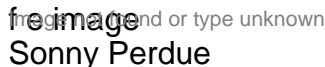


Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue: We have a duty to farmers to harness safe crop biotechnology

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Farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers know that the overall economy [is booming again](#), and for that we are thankful and optimistic. But it is clear when you drive through the byways, small towns, and farmlands of our nation that rural America has not kept pace.

Urban and suburban populations continue to climb across the country, [while the population in rural areas](#) has remained stagnant. Integrating technological innovation into American farms will enhance the quality of our agricultural output, increase sustainable use of precious natural resources and improve the efficiency of the American farmer.

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A task force [created](#) by President Trump has developed many recommendations for addressing this issue, but it has found one overarching challenge that we must overcome to ensure future rural prosperity.

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We have a duty to harness technological innovation to improve the quality, nutritional value, and safety of American crops. An improved strategy for research and development of new agricultural technologies will be key, as will be a unified US approach toward convincing our trading partners of the value of safe biotech products.

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