

USDA endorses G-20 commitment to science-based policy, sustainable farming technology

USDA officials signed on to a [G-20](#) statement [backing the development](#) of climate-smart technology and promoting science-based decision-making.

Top USDA officials joined global leaders in calling for the expansion of climate-smart technology, part of a longer list of agriculture priorities detailed in a communiqué out of the G-20 Agricultural Chief Scientists meeting in Tokyo

The U.S. and other members of the G-20 also reaffirmed a commitment to science-based decision-making when it comes to global food production, and recognized the serious threat posed by plant pests, which may be exacerbated by changing climate conditions and a more globalized society, [reports](#) Pro Ag's Catherine Boudreau.

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In a statement on [April 26], Scott Hutchins, USDA's deputy undersecretary for research, education and economics, said he was pleased to see the affirmation of science-based decision-making Hutchins said in an email to POLITICO that he emphasized science-based decision-making because that was the strength the participants brought to these international dialogues.

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