SORGHUM CLIMATE COMMITMENTS

Aspirational

The U.S. Sorghum Industry is directed by its farmers through producer organizations, including National Sorghum Producers and the United Sorghum Checkoff Program. Under the leadership and recommendations of the U.S. Sorghum Industry’s Joint Climate Commitment Task Force, the U.S. Sorghum Industry is committed to:

- Gathering the evidence and creating the resources for a comprehensive understanding of sorghum’s sustainable qualities and how they positively contribute to broader climate priorities in markets and policies.
- Utilizing and enhancing—through our commitment to research and innovation—sorghum’s inherent attributes, including its natural heat tolerance, hardy habitat-covering and erosion-controlling stalks, extensive soil health-promoting root systems, and ability to produce with one-third less water than comparable grains, in order to drive industry and farm-level commitment to sustainability for real and measured impacts on ecosystems that build resilient landscapes.
- Leveraging sorghum’s resource-conserving characteristics and showcasing sorghum farmers’ resource-conserving practices to elevate the recognition of sustainable, domestically-produced food, fuel, and feed ingredients, which meet consumer demand for climate-smart commodities.
- Using food aid to address the needs of food insecure populations in unstable parts of the world in order to solve complex and connected issues surrounding childhood hunger, food scarcity, and a changing climate.
- Annually assessing the U.S. Sorghum Industry’s climate commitments to incorporate
newly available data that enables the industry’s continuous improvement.