

POLICY PATHWAYS TO SUPPORT RESILIENT AGRICULTURE: INFOGRAPHIC EXPLAINER

This infographic was developed by Resilience CAP collaborators to illustrate the many ways stakeholders can contribute to developing policy that supports resilient agriculture. In this infographic, we use examples taken from our series of policy briefs “Policy for Resilient Agriculture Systems, 2026” to highlight how various stakeholders might get involved in the policy process.

This infographic was developed alongside a second infographic, “Recommended policy actions for resilient agriculture”, and a series of policy briefs, “Policy for Resilient Agriculture Systems, 2026”. You can find these materials, along with a description of our methodology and additional resources at: <https://ag-resilience.org/policy-socioeconomic/>

There are so many ways stakeholders can influence policy to support resilient agricultural systems and communities. If you’re interested, you can almost certainly find an action that matches your goals, values, and role in the system. This is great, since all of you bring expertise and lived experience that can contribute to policy that support farmers who want to integrate resilient practices.

An entrepreneur working to build a new supply chain business crossing state borders might share stories about navigating complex and contradictory processing guidelines. Farmers and their organizations might collect stories about how challenging it can be to locate appropriate processing facilities for emerging livestock products, even when there’s a robust regional market. An agricultural scientist studying new perennial crops might influence policy by ensuring that their findings are communicated in a way that non-experts involved in the policy process can appreciate. Some advocacy organizations have the explicit goal of directly endorsing specific legislation or other policies that support more resilient agricultural practices. Understanding your role and collaborating with many kinds of stakeholders will help ensure that your efforts have the most impact.

Some agricultural stakeholders worry that any policy-related work might violate their professional need to remain non-partisan, to maintain scientific objectivity, or to avoid engaging in policy advocacy. These are important values, and some stakeholders may even have legal obligations that impose limits on their policy-related actions. Federal employees, for example, may need to avoid participating directly in political advocacy like lobbying elected officials or endorsing specific candidates or political positions. However, their perspectives are still be valuable and can have an impact through sharing information and insights through educational materials aimed at the public and fellow agricultural stakeholders. These in turn often support the work of others engaged at different points in the system.

We hope that you find this infographic informative and useful in your work supporting farmers who want to adopt more resilient agricultural practices. This infographic and other materials in this series are free for your and others’ use.