



# Global Farmer Network®

## Who IS the Global Farmer Network®?

Established in 2000 as a non-profit led by farmers, the Global Farmer Network identifies, empowers and engages like-minded farmer leaders from around the world to collaborate, innovate, encourage and lead **“in promoting trade, technology, sustainable farming, economic growth, and food security.”**

Currently comprised of 221 male and female farmer-leaders, hailing from over 60 countries and 6 continents, the Global Farmer Network is well-positioned to help farmers tell their stories, answer questions and build trust among consumers, opinion leaders and policy makers regarding the safety, accessibility and sustainability of the food, feed, fuel and fiber they are producing for a growing world population.

## Why we DO what we do:

*“Every day, around the world, scientists and policy makers have big meetings with ‘a lot of very important people’ discussing how farmers should farm and deciding policies without hearing the real situation from the farmers who are responsible for food and environmental security. As farmers, we MUST be at the policy discussion tables worldwide.” – Maria Pilu Giraud, Argentina*



## What is the VALUE of the Global Farmer Network?

Unique in its make-up and global approach, the GFN® provides a communication platform, amplifying the farmers authentic and credible voice with authority in support of trade, a farmer’s freedom to operate and the importance of access to and regulatory approval of innovative technology as a tool needed to address shared challenges like climate change, environmental sustainability, poverty alleviation and nutritional security.



*“My participation in the Global Farmer Network enables me to expand my outlook toward farming. I realized that working beyond my farm, I could make my voice heard by the policy makers. In fact, I could motivate my fellow farmers to unite and experience and benefit from our collective strength. Now we have the confidence that, by aggregating our resources, we can improve not only our personal economy at the farm level but the economic development and well-being of our nation. I realize that individual farmers have a significant role to play” – V Ravichandran, India*

## What DOES the Global Farmer Network Do?

Our global partnerships support critically important work and messaging that is completed daily around the world by the farmers who ARE the Global Farmer Network. Focused on shifting the global narrative regarding trade, technology, sustainable farming, economic growth and food security, these global farmer Advocates engage and share their stories to provide an on-the-ground perspective with our global consumers, opinion and policy leaders. Country-specific farmer voices have proven to be the most trusted and authoritative in influencing policy decisions as well as public perceptions of innovative technologies, production practices and trade as we work together to get food, feed and the inputs needed to produce them from areas of plenty to areas of scarcity. The Global Farmer Network is about empowering and creating leaders both nationally and internationally, made stronger through collaborations that create impact.



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