



# **“Agriculture Producing Solutions”**

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# Agriculture as the solution

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# Finding a better way

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## President Bush's charge

**"Accelerate the pace of environmental improvement while enhancing economic growth."**

# Cooperative Conservation

President's Executive Order 13352

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Opportunity!



# National Agriculture Strategy

## What it does:

- Sets vision of agriculture as a solution
- Seeks collaborative, innovative and voluntary engagement in addition to traditional regulatory approaches



# Strategy Implementation

1. Awareness within Agency.
2. Focus on solutions.
3. Better communication.
4. Improved performance measures.

## Agency Actions

1. National Agriculture Dialogue
2. Advisory Committee
3. Ag Matrix

[epa.gov/agriculture/agmatrix.pdf](http://epa.gov/agriculture/agmatrix.pdf)



# Opportunities for Collaboration

# Livestock Strategy

Balance environmental and economic progress

- Maintain domestic livestock production
- Numerous air & water concerns
- Capture opportunities in energy field

# GHG / Energy

## President Bush's Executive Order

- 20 in 10
- Emissions from motor vehicles
- Impact on stationary sources

# Gulf Hypoxia

## New Action Plan

- Scientific Hypoxia Panel to SAB
- Hypoxia Task Force action plan
- Voluntary, innovation action needed

# Moving Forward

- We have positive options
- Must focus on results
- Patience and communication

