

## *Our Mission*

Accelerate the agricultural economy by empowering expanded uses and markets of agriculturally derived products

### **AURI, MN Soybean collaboration helps advance soy nutrition**



Through its partnership with the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council, AURI helps Minnesota's soybean growers engage in national and global conversations about soy nutrition.

Harold Stanislawski, AURI's Business and Industry Development Director, and Charlie Lucas, Senior Scientist of Food, represent AURI on the Soy Nutrition Institute Global (SNIG) board. The organization brings together university researchers, food companies, dietitians, and industry leaders to support science-based information about soy foods and their role in nutrition.

Stanislawski says the work is especially important as federal nutrition programs, food labeling rules, and institutional markets continue to evolve. By collaborating with SNIG, AURI advances soy's reputation, supports food-grade soybean

opportunities, and identifies future projects that create value for Minnesota farmers.

“Quality matters,” Stanislawski adds, calling soybeans a “miracle crop” with broad potential in food, feed, oil, and emerging protein markets.

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## GreenSeam releases State of Agricultural Ecosystem Report



Holly Callaghan, economic development specialist for GreenSeam, recently joined the **Ag Innovation News Podcast** to preview the [2026 State of the Agricultural Ecosystem Report](#). Formerly the State of Agriculture Report, the updated report examines the broader network powering Minnesota’s food and agriculture economy, from production to manufacturing to services. Drawing on insights from more than 300 industry leaders, the report highlights rising costs, workforce challenges, and policy pressures shaping business decisions across the sector statewide today.

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## **AURI's focus on rural development paying dividends**



For 15 years, AURI's Rural Cooperative Development Center (RCDC) has supported and grown rural economies by delivering services to new or existing farmer-owned cooperatives.

The RCDC has assisted hundreds of projects with more than 16,000 coop members/owners since its inception, with substantial success. Impacts from the RCDC to Minnesota entities include over \$168 million in new capital investment and nearly \$277 million in increased revenue. Aid from the RCDC has also led businesses to create or retain over 760 jobs.

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## **Registration open for AURI's June maritime biofuels webinar**



AURI's next Fields of Innovation webinar will explore why Minnesota's agricultural industry has a stake in maritime decarbonization through renewable fuels. On Wednesday, June 17, participants will learn how the state's farms, processing facilities, biofuel producers, and waterways connect to emerging global demand to decarbonize maritime fuels. Speakers will highlight opportunities for agriculture-derived biofuels, including biogas, to diversify energy, strengthen export supply chains, and create new markets for Minnesota's farmers and renewable fuels sector.

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[Dairy Star](#)

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**June 17, 2026**  
**12 p.m.-1 p.m.**



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