

# Opportunities for the Future

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## **A stakeholder wearing many hats**

- Owner of a cattle business
- Animal scientist
- Educator and advocate
- Consultant



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## **Four areas of opportunity**

- ❑ Public-private collaborations
- ❑ Strong federal support of research, education and Extension
- ❑ Next generation of human capital
- ❑ Public and private agricultural research



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## **The importance of public-private research collaborations**

- Initiatives by private stakeholders
- Leverage existing research investments
- Leverage human capital



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## **Federal support for research, education and Extension outreach**

- **Oversee availability and safety of food supply**
- **Build scientific, educational and managerial capacity**



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## **Next generation of human capital**

- Need to develop that capital now
- Agricultural literacy programs and Extension outreach excite youth to career options



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## **Public and private agricultural research**

- Fundamental, discovery research
- Applied, problem-solving research
- Application research



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## **State and federal support of agriculture and food system research helps**

- Lower production costs
- Improve food safety
- Maintain low food costs