

2023 National Ag Day Resource – Call Your Lawmaker

It's National Ag Day! Give your lawmaker a call!

Your elected representatives want to know why National Ag Day, and agriculture as a whole is important to you, so take the time today and give them a call.

Dial the following number for the U.S. Capitol Switchboard: **1-202-224-3121**

You will either reach an operator or a guided system. If you reach the operator, simply ask to be connected to your Senator or Representative. If you get the guided system, follow the voice prompts, and speak your home state or zip code and be connected to the office of your Senator or Representative.

*To find your Representative visit House.gov and enter your ZIP code in the upper right corner.

Sample Script 1

Hello, my name is (insert your name) and I am a constituent.

I am calling to thank you and (name of elected official) for your service to our community.

I am a member of (name of organization) and today is National Ag Day, a day dedicated to increasing public awareness about American agriculture.

I wanted to make sure that (name of elected official) was aware.....

• Point 1 _____

• Point 2 _____

• Point 3 _____

Thank you for your time and thank you for your service to our community.

Sample Script 2

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I am calling to thank you and (name of elected official) for your service to our community.

I am a member of (name of organization) and today is National Ag Day, a day dedicated to increasing public awareness about American agriculture.

(the ask)

- I wanted to make sure that (name of elected official) was aware of the many ways farmers and ranchers practice sustainability every day. We are always looking to implement climate smart practices and I welcome you and (name of elected official) to come out to our farm/ranch to see this first-hand.
- Farmers and ranchers are at the forefront of climate-smart farming, putting scientific solutions, technology and innovation to work to protect our land, air and water.
- More than 140 million acres of U.S. farmland are used for conservation efforts and wildlife habitats—that land area is equal to the states of California and New York combined.

(the close)

Thank you for your time and thank you for your service to our community. Happy to talk further about scheduling a farm/ranch tour.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- Who did you talk to?
- What was their response?
- What will you do next?

