

Improving Agriculture, Every Day

How have modern agricultural products and practices improved U.S. farming? A new report by Field to Market, the Keystone Alliance on Sustainable Agriculture, details how crop productivity and environmental sustainability have improved in the U.S. The report examines six commodity crops (corn, wheat, soy, cotton, rice and potatoes) over a 30 year period.

Farmers are able to grow considerably more crops than 30 years ago with fewer natural resources. Environmental improvements include:

- > Soil erosion decreased by 47 to 67 percent;
- > Energy use decreased between 15 to 43 percent;
- > Greenhouse gas emissions decreased between 15 percent and 41 percent.



For the full story on the productivity, environmental and economic gains, visit www.FieldtoMarket.org.