

Ladies and gentlemen,

Today, we gather to discuss a subject that touches the core of our existence and the future of our planet--sustainable agriculture. The urgency of adopting sustainable practices is clear: we face the dual challenge of feeding a growing population and preserving our natural resources.

Let me outline some practical measures that can make a significant difference. First, embracing crop rotation techniques can naturally replenish the soil nutrients, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers.

This not only decreases costs but also enhances soil health over time.

Second, integrating technology such as precision agriculture can help farmers make informed decisions about water and fertilizer usage. By utilizing data, we can optimize resources, thus minimizing waste and maximizing yield efficiency.

Third, supporting policies that encourage local food production can reduce transportation emissions and boost local economies. Farmers'

markets and community-supported agriculture programs can connect consumers directly with producers, fostering a sustainable cycle.

Moreover, investing in education and training for farmers about innovative practices is vital. Empowered with knowledge, farmers can adopt methods that not only increase productivity but also protect biodiversity.

Ladies and gentlemen, the path to sustainable agriculture is a shared journey. By focusing on these pragmatic solutions, we ensure a resilient agricultural system that benefits both the environment and future generations. Let's work together to make this vision a reality.

Thank you.