

WANT TO PROTECT FARMS AND RANCHES HERE?

Protect forests there.

Ending deforestation in the tropics isn't just some tree-hugger's cause.

Illegal overseas agriculture and timber operations are tearing down and burning the world's forests to make room for massive logging, cattle, palm oil and soybean operations.

This deforestation is a leading cause of climate pollution, but it also hurts U.S. agriculture. Crops grown on this slash-and-burn land undercut American farmers and ranchers producing corn, soy, canola, meat and leather. And paper and wood products from illegal tropical logging undercut responsibly managed U.S. forests.

This deforestation reduces commodity prices and hurts competitiveness, putting additional strains on American families trying to hold onto their farms, ranches and timberlands.

There is a simple solution that is fast, effective and affordable. Protecting these forests for future generations as part of a solution to climate change will give Americans a fair chance to compete.

Tropical Forests: A Climate Solution for American Agriculture

