



# **The Food and Nutrition Board's *International Impact***

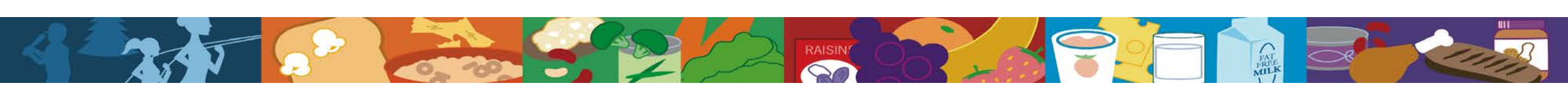
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University of California, Berkeley**

**FNB Member: 1990-1997  
(FNB Chair: 1994)**



# **FNB Committees**

- 1973-80: Nutrition of the Mother and Preschool Child  
(Received PhD in 1972)**
- 1985-90: Military Nutrition Research**
- 1987-92: Nutritional Status during Pregnancy and Lactation  
Chair: Gestational Weight Gain Subcommittee**
- 1990-95: Dietary Reference Intakes**
- 2015-17: Inclusion of Chronic Disease Endpoints in DRIs**



# **FNB's Contributions to Global Recommendations and Policies**

*To discuss a sampling:*

- 1. Nutrient Recommendations**
- 2. Food Insecurity, Hunger and Obesity Worldwide**
- 3. Sustainable Food Supply and Diets**
- 4. Advancing Agricultural and Food Research Locally and Globally**



# Global Harmonization of Nutrient Recommendations

- Initiated by the FNB in 2005
- Co-chaired: Cutberto Garza & Janet King
- Workshop of international experts
- Charge: to identify concepts needed to develop a framework for global nutrient recommendations
- Report published 2007



### Concepts

Evaluate criteria

Extrapolate if necessary

Adjust for:  
Food sources  
Host factors

Consider  
Genetic variation  
Long-term health

### Average nutrient requirement (ANR)

Estimated from a distribution of requirements based on a specific criterion in healthy individuals



### Individual nutrient level<sub>x</sub> (INL<sub>x</sub>)

Derived from the distribution of the ANR;  
 $x$ =percentile chosen

### Upper nutrient level (UNL)

Using a LOAEL/NOAEL with an appropriate uncertainty factor

### Methods of using NIVs

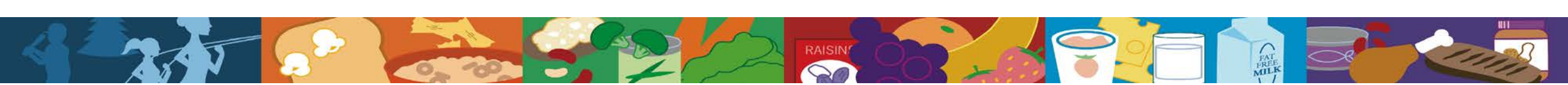
Assessment/evaluation

Individuals  
Populations

Diet Planning  
Individuals  
Populations

### Applications

Regulatory issues and trade  
Labeling  
Public health planning  
Fortification  
Dietary guidance

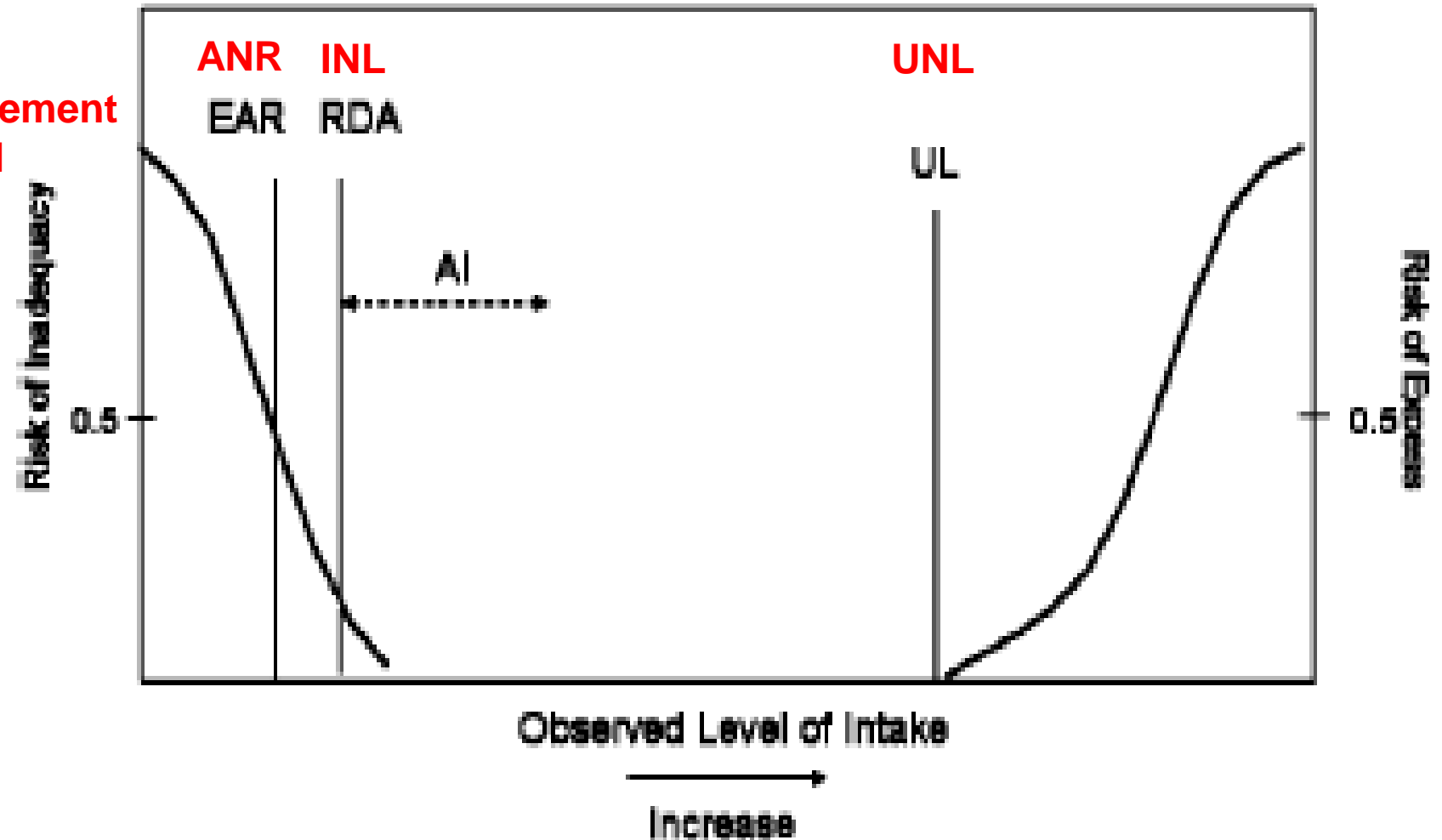


# FNB's Dietary Reference Intakes (1994)

## Framework for International Values

### International Values

Average nutrient requirement  
Individual nutrient level  
Upper nutrient level








# A Decade Gap Between Recommending Global Values & Establishing Intake Values



- FNB initiated the activity
- Rome, September, 2017: Joint Workshop with the FNB, WHO, and FAO.
- Global Consensus:
  - To develop global standardized definitions/terms
  - To recognize the special needs of geographical regions or countries (i.e., foods, bioavailability, health status)
- Primary Goals:
  - To base future recommendations on biology and diet influences
  - To reduce differences due to data interpretation.

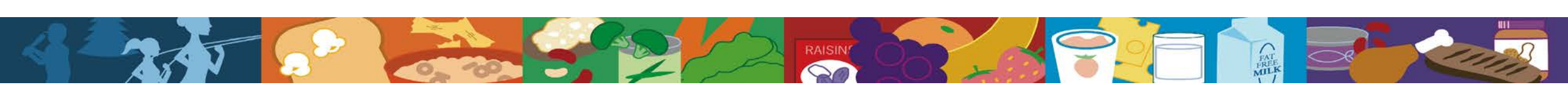


# Application of Harmonized Nutrient Reference Values for Young Children and Women of Reproductive Age



- FNB funded by Gates Foundation to do the work
- International committee members
- Report completed in 2018
- **Conclusions & Recommendations:**
  - A Global Body should oversee the process
  - Established criteria for nutrient reference values
    - ✓ Regularly updated
    - ✓ Clear, transparent process
    - ✓ Rigorous, relevant methods
    - ✓ Document key factors that may influence values
    - ✓ Report the strength of evidence





# Current Status of Global Nutrient Recommendations

- **Individual countries or regions are using the harmonized template**
  - European Food Safety Authority
  - SE Asia
  - United Kingdom
  - Scandinavian Countries
- **Manuscript comparing IOM & EFSA values**
  - Allen, LH, Carriquiry, AL, Murphy, SP. Adv Nutr, Nov. 2019



# New US/Canadian DRI Challenge: Chronic Disease

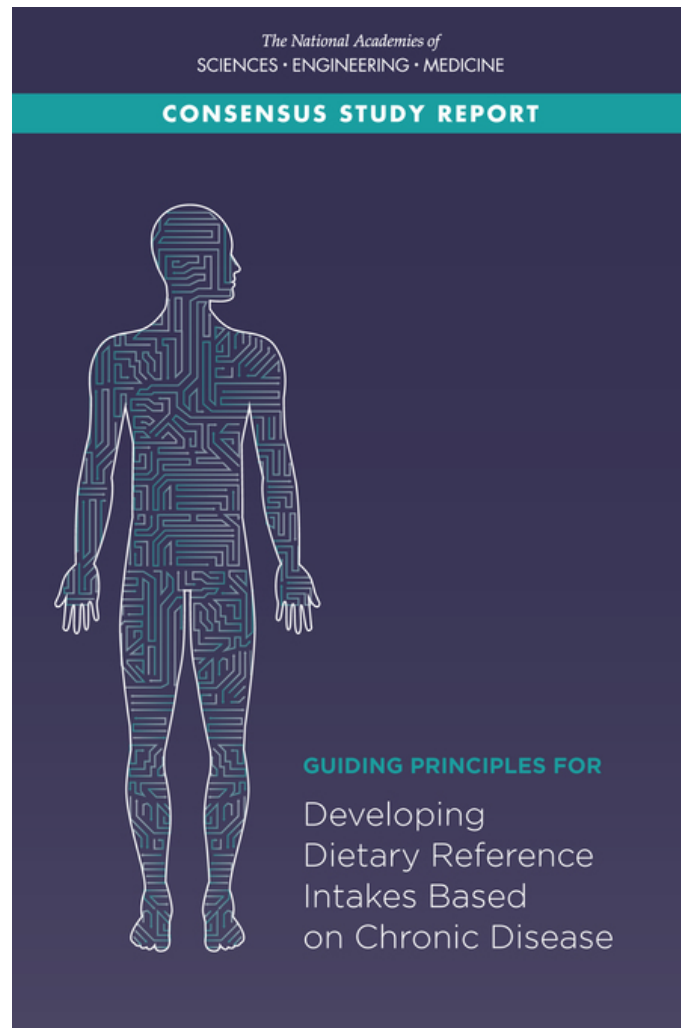
- 1994 DRI Report. Recommended including chronic disease endpoints in future DRIs.
- 2015. NIH funded a committee to assess the scientific issues for establishing DRI chronic disease endpoints
- 2017 AJCN Publication.

Options for basing Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs) on chronic disease endpoints: report from a joint US-/Canadian-sponsored working group<sup>1-3</sup>

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# FNB Committee: Chronic Disease DRIs. Guiding Principles. 2017



## Key Recommendations:

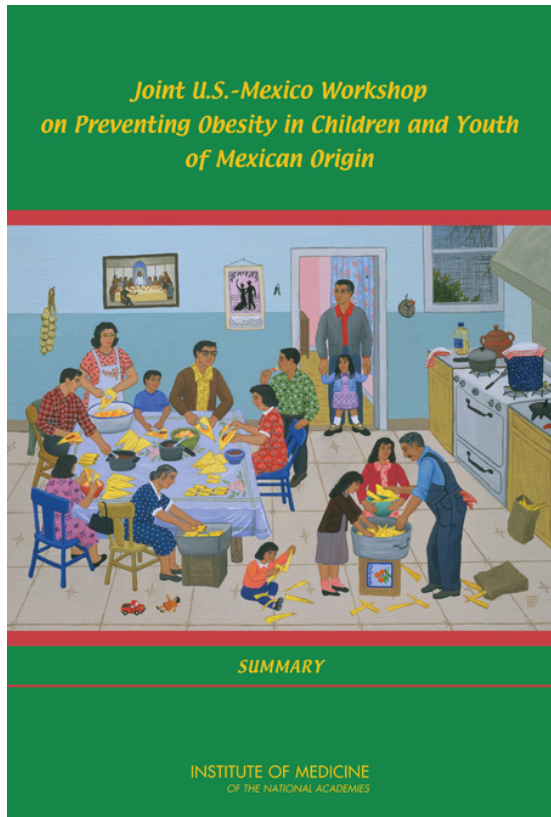
- DRI committees should develop recommendations to prevent nutrient deficiencies and toxicities and for reducing chronic disease risk.
- Two subcommittees likely needed due to different expertise and methods.
  - Establish DRIs
  - Adjust DRIs for reducing chronic disease risk
- Need to establish harmonized approaches to reduce chronic disease globally





# Global Obesity and Hunger

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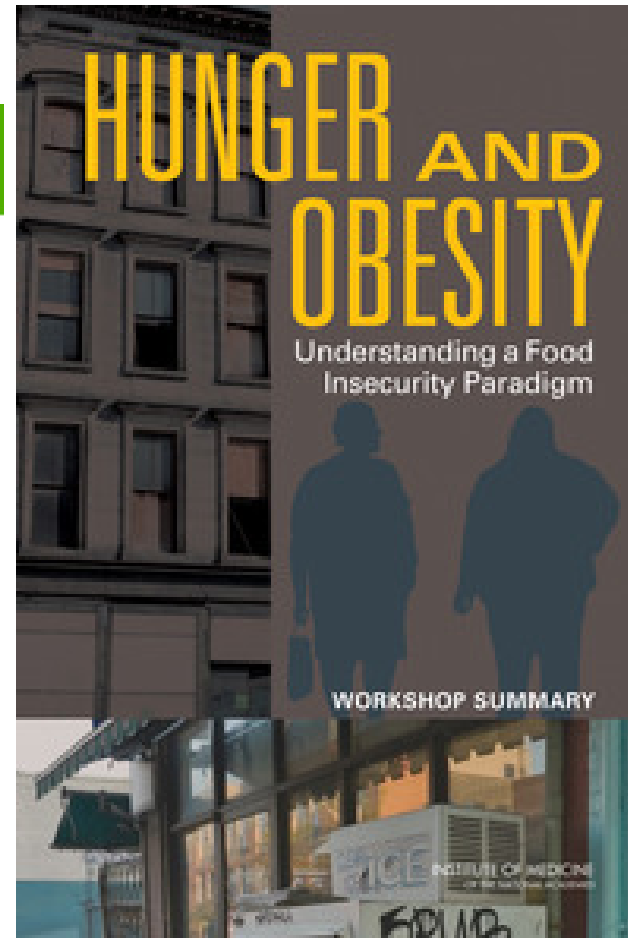


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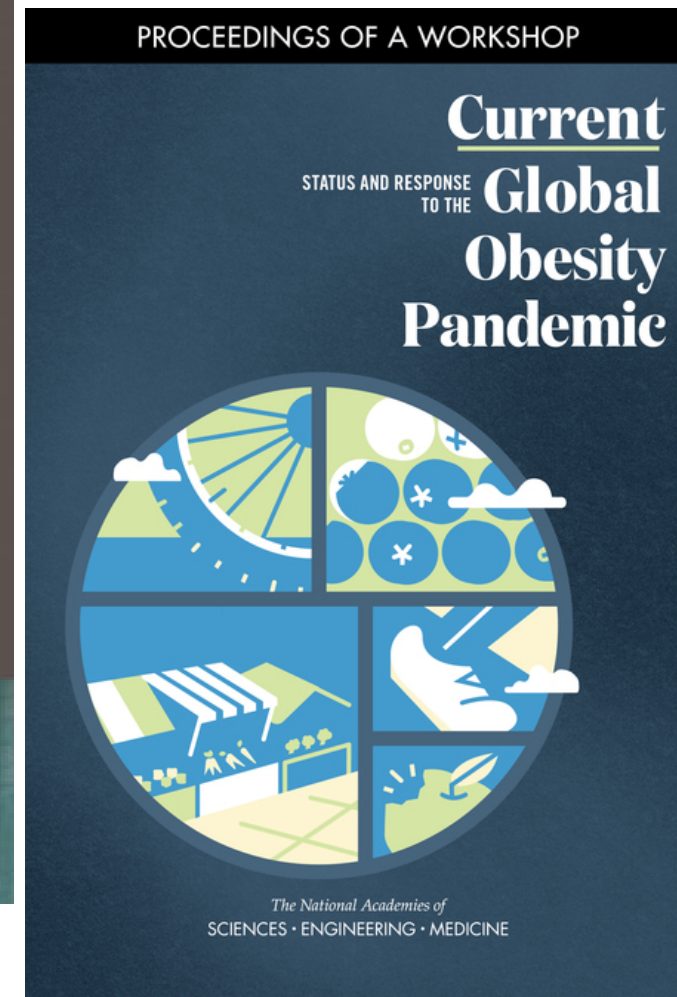


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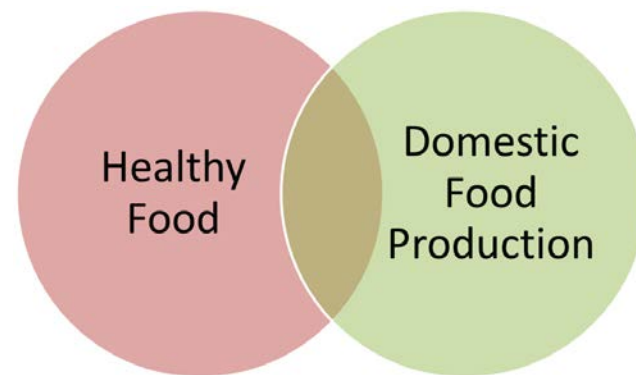
# Sustainable Diets: Healthy People & a Healthy Planet (2014)



Need to explore the effect of food & nutrition policies on the environmental impact of our food systems.

Environment ↔ Diet  
Global Issue: USDA, UN, and FAO

A sustainable diet has not been defined  
Challenge: merge healthy food and food production





# **Sustainable Diets Need to Address: Climate Literacy, Food, Nutrition & Health**

**Today:**

***Food & Agriculture  
Policies are Based on  
Yield***

**Future:**

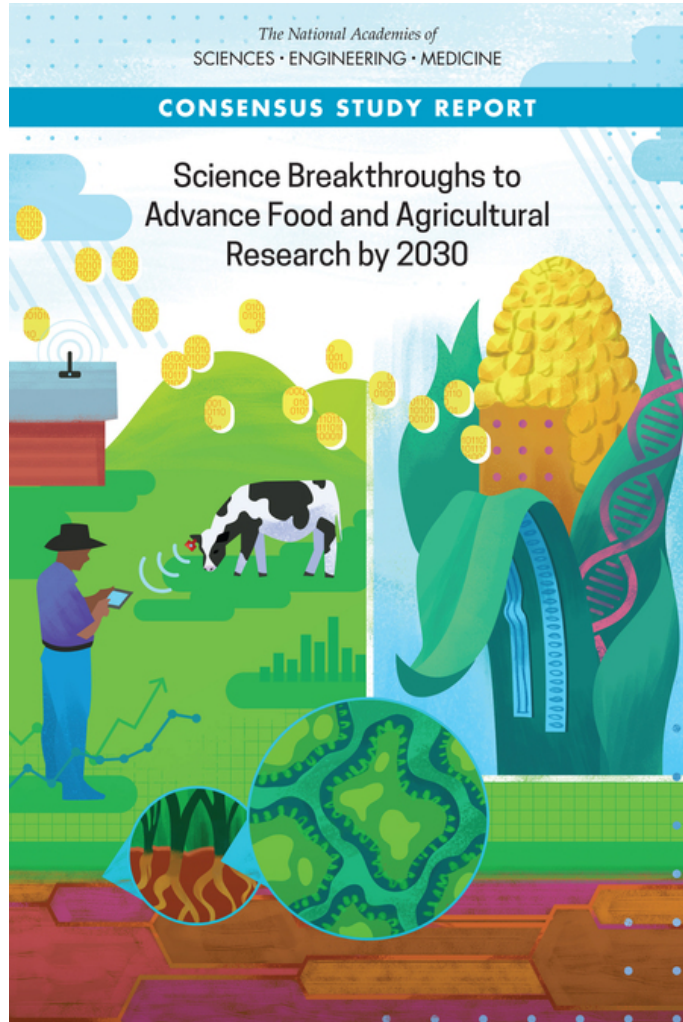
**Food & Agriculture  
Policies are Based on  
Air Quality &  
Environmental  
Management**

***How will this shift affect nutrition & health?***





# FNB Suggested a Roadmap: Advancing Food & Agricultural Research by 2030



**Advances needed to make the U.S. food and agricultural system more efficient, resilient, and sustainable:**

- Increase nutrient use efficiency in crops,
- Reduce soil loss and degradation,
- Mobilize genetic diversity for crop improvement,
- Optimize water use in agriculture,
- Improve farm animal genetics
- Develop precision livestock production systems
- Detect and treat plant and animal diseases early & rapidly
- Reduce food loss and waste throughout the supply chain



# Next Steps for the FNB

- **A renewed interest in food and agriculture is essential.**
  - Stimulate interest of the next generation of scientists.
  - Enhance mechanisms to conduct multidisciplinary work
- **Features of a future robust food and agricultural research workforce**
  - Talented individuals proficient in addressing challenges cross the the food system
  - Develop & use innovative approaches, i.e., think outside the box



## **FNB's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Potential Topics**

- **Novel methods to mediate the effect of the climate on the food supply & nutrients**
- **Innovative food technologies—genetic food modification & plant-based alternatives**
- **New approaches to combat the obesity epidemic throughout the life-cycle (e.g., prevent)**
- **Harmonized nutritional recommendations reflecting strong global collaborations**