

U.S. Wheat Industry FOOD AID WORKING GROUP PRINCIPLES

CONTRIBUTING TO GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY – Wheat is the source of 20 percent of the world’s caloric intake and a dietary staple around the world. It is an excellent source of energy-providing complex carbohydrates, fiber, B vitamins and iron. The U.S. wheat industry, through its Food Aid Working Group (FAWG), is committed to global food assistance and encourages a program that includes the full range of options to help countries attain lasting and sustainable food security.

Specifically, the FAWG's commitment is guided by the following resolutions:

- Promote wheat as a nutritious component of international food aid.
- Support funding of P.L. 480 Title II food assistance programs at \$2.5 billion, the full amount authorized by law.
- Support a strong, flexible U.S. food aid program that contains both in-kind donations and monetization.
- Support funding and implementation of LRP programs through the Foreign Disaster Assistance Act and USAID.
- Support USDA administration of Food for Progress.
- Encourage an increase to the Food for Progress Transportation Cap and efforts to mitigate the effect of Cargo Preference rules on cost recovery calculations.
- Support the U.S. government’s agricultural development initiatives as a supplement to existing emergency and non-emergency humanitarian assistance programs such as P.L. 480 Title II programs.

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