



# CAFNR STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2030

## THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & NATURAL RESOURCES



### CAFNR'S MISSION

To serve Missouri and contribute toward a healthy world, we are dedicated to...

#### Preparing students for a complex, interconnected planet

To thrive in tomorrow's society, students must be adaptable learners and informed citizens to make purposeful contributions to society. CAFNR provides these opportunities through exceptional experiential and practical learning experiences based on cutting-edge science and needs of agriculture, food systems and nutrition, natural resources, conservation and tourism.

examine how research, education and public policy in agriculture, food systems and natural resources affect individuals and societies.

#### Enhancing the conservation of agriculture and natural resources

Food, feed, fuel and fiber generation depend on the efficient and sustained use of soil, water and air. CAFNR improves the management and conservation of Missouri's agricultural and natural resources that affect human welfare through education, research and service. We share best practices beyond our borders to create a healthy world.

#### Contributing to our land-grant mission through entrepreneurial impact and economic development

CAFNR empowers Missouri's residents and communities to be profitable in their ag and natural resource businesses. Through workshops, field days, partnerships, grants, technology assessment and more, we inform Missourians to best practices to aid agribusiness creation, development and success.



### CAFNR'S VISION

As Missouri's land-grant college for a healthy world, CAFNR builds on a transformative legacy of solutions for healthy agriculture, natural resources, food systems, economies and communities — statewide, nationwide and around the globe. We pledge a commitment to the land-grant promise of developing a talented workforce, creating new knowledge and disseminating innovations and technologies to Missouri.

#### Discovering and disseminating new knowledge

Through research and scholarly endeavors, CAFNR discovers and disseminates new scientific information and innovations through both traditional and contemporary approaches to reach the broadest.

#### Developing human and societal potential

We are dedicated to providing educational opportunities and science-based information to the public to meet grand challenges. CAFNR's programs

## OUR VALUES: THE CAFNR CODE

The CAFNR Code reflects who we are and how we serve: a community grounded in care, driven by discovery and united by a shared commitment to advancing agriculture, food systems and natural resources.

**C**are shapes every connection we make.

CAFNR cultivates a supportive community across classrooms, laboratories, research farms and the 114 counties we serve throughout Missouri.

**A**spiration fuels our boldest visions.

CAFNR turns ambitious ideas into research and innovation that strengthens Missouri and contributes solutions nationally and globally.

**F**orward-thinking mindsets binds us through our work & support.

CAFNR embraces curiosity and collaboration to meet the evolving needs of agriculture, food systems and natural resources.

**N**urturing minds across Missouri drives our daily work.

CAFNR prepares the next generation of leaders while developing solutions that support the wellbeing of Missourians and communities around the world.

**R**esolve turns challenges into triumphs collaboratively.

CAFNR collaborates to deliver expertise, advance discoveries and empower leaders who will shape the future of our state and planet.






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## Goals and Measures for *CAFNR Strategic Plan 2026-2030*

-  Strategic Priority 1  
***Ensuring Student Success***
-  Strategic Priority 2  
***Advancing Research and Innovation***
-  Strategic Priority 3  
***Empowering Missourians with Ag and Environment Extension***



## CAFNR *Grand Ideas*

THEME 1: RESEARCH CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS

THEME 2: BIO-FRONTIER

THEME 3: ECO-RESILIENCE

THEME 4: AI IN AGRICULTURE INNOVATIONS (AI2)

THEME 5: NOURISHING MISSOURI

