

THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE INNOVATION IS

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St. Louis is home to 1,000+ world-class plant science PhDs, cutting-edge research facilities, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and the global hub for geospatial technology.

PROXIMITY TO GROWERS & CUSTOMERS

50% of all U.S. crops are produced within a 500-mile radius (roughly a day's drive) of St. Louis.

WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

The region is home to the world's largest independent, nonprofit research institute for plant science, The Danforth Plant Science Center – one of a number of organizations and universities with a focus on this sector.

DEDICATED STARTUP FUNDING & SUPPORT

The region is home to multiple venture capital and non-dilutive funding sources to support startups in the agriculture space, including Gates Ag One, Lewis & Clark Agrifood, the Yield Lab Institute, and Cultivation Capital.

ST. LOUIS Collaboration Drives Innovation

"I don't think we could've had the success we've had if we were anywhere else in the country. It's St. Louis as a region, but even more importantly, it's this ecosystem that exists here with the Danforth Center and the work they did to create what we now call 39 North."

MIKE DECAMP
CEO, CoverCress, Inc.

AMERICA'S AG COAST

15 miles of the Mississippi River runs through the heart of our metro and has more barge handling capacity than any other stretch of the river.

DEDICATED AG INNOVATION DISTRICT

39 North AgTech Innovation District is a vibrant, diverse community of scientists, startups, and companies working in proximity with one another, sharing ideas, networks, and cutting-edge equipment and facilities.

HELIX CENTER INCUBATOR

Incubator clients have access to more than 33,000 square feet of affordable wet labs, dry labs, and office space.



"At Bayer, we really aim to partner with the St. Louis ecosystem as we look to invest in new innovations, new technologies, and new partnerships."

- Dr. Dan Ruzicka, Innovation Sourcing Business Partner at Bayer Crop Science

MAJOR AGRICULTURE COMPANIES LOCATED IN ST. LOUIS



BUNGE



NOVUS



DONALD DANFORTH
PLANT SCIENCE CENTER

31 scientific teams tackling global challenges like food security, sustainable fuel and farming, and crop resilience

140-acre field research site

3 members of the National Academy of Sciences and the Maize Project health

A STRONG UNIVERSITY RESEARCH & TALENT PIPELINE

ST. LOUIS MSA

39 INSTITUTIONS
FOUR & TWO-YEAR

142,000 Total Enrollment

1,480 Bio Degrees
Conferred (2023-2024)

250-MILE RADIUS

296 INSTITUTIONS
FOUR & TWO-YEAR

1.26M Total Enrollment

14,360 Bio Degrees
Conferred (2023-2024)



WashU Medicine

#3 in U.S. for National Institutes of Health grants (\$727M in 2025)

Recently launched the *Food and Agriculture Research Mission*, an interdisciplinary effort to connect plant science and public health

Home to the McDonnell Genome Institute, which played a leading role in the Human Genome Project and the Maize Project health

ST. LOUIS IS AN AG INNOVATION POWERHOUSE



Bunge moves global HQ to St. Louis



NewLeaf takes 25,000 square feet in EDGE@BRDG building



Bayer expands investment in lower carbon oilseed producer CoverCress



Gates Ag One sets up shop in St. Louis

With a strategic heartland location, diverse talent pipeline, competitive business costs, and robust logistics, the St. Louis region's ag research and innovation ecosystem empowers companies to innovate, grow, and transform the future of food and agriculture.

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ST. LOUIS INC.**