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Chairman Glenn “GT” Thompson  
Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology  
Hearing

*“A Review of Title VII: USDA Implementation of Research  
Programs”*

Opening Statement  
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*Remarks as prepared for delivery:*

“Good morning and thank you to Chairman Baird and Ranking Member Spanberger for hosting this hearing to discuss the Research Title of the Farm Bill.

“Over the last couple years, I have traveled to nearly 40 states to hear directly from farmers, ranchers, and foresters. Through these travels, I’ve come to realize that American agriculture can be defined in three words: science, technology, and innovation.

“Through advances in science, technology, and innovation, American producers have increased outputs nearly three-fold

since the 1940s, with little to no change in inputs. And we know these advances would not have been possible without the great research, extension, and education being done by our land-grant universities.

“Many of the programs that these land-grant universities—and even our non-land-grant colleges of agriculture—rely on to conduct cutting edge research are authorized in the Research Title.

“As we look to write the 2023 Farm Bill, it is important to hear from USDA about implementation of new and existing research programs to learn what’s working, what isn’t, and what needs fixed.

“Under Secretary Jacobs-Young, thank you for taking the time to be here today. I am excited to welcome you back to the Committee to talk about the importance of agricultural research and I look forward to a productive discussion.

“With that, I yield back.”