



USDA PROGRAMS IN THE LOCAL FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

USDA is committed to supporting robust regional food economies across the food chain through the programs noted below.



LAND CONSERVATION

- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (NRCS)
- Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction Project Cooperative Agreements (NRCS)
- Conservation Reserve Program (FSA)
- Conservation Stewardship Program (NRCS)
- Conservation Innovation Grants (NRCS)
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (NRCS)
- Solid Waste Management Grants (RD)



PRODUCTION

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (NRCS)
- Farm Microloans (FSA)
- Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSA)
- Grass Fed Small and Very Small Producer Program (AMS)
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program and Other Disaster Assistance Programs (FSA)
- Organic Cost Share (FSA)
- Rural Energy for America Program (RD)
- Urban Agriculture and Innovation Grants (NRCS)
- Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (RMA)



PROCESSING

- Agricultural Innovation Center (RD)
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans (RD)
- Community Facilities Loans and Grants (RD)
- Local Food Promotion Program (AMS)
- Regional Food Systems Partnership Grants (AMS)
- Rural Business Development Grants (RD)
- Urban Agriculture and Innovation Grants (NRCS)
- Value Added Producer Grants (RD)



AGGREGATION/ DISTRIBUTION

- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans (RD)
- Community Facilities Loans and Grants (RD)
- Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSA)
- Local Food Promotion Program (AMS)
- Regional Food Systems Partnership Grants (AMS)
- Rural Business Development Grants (RD)
- Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)



MARKETS/ CONSUMERS

- Community Food Projects Competitive Grants (NIFA)
- Farm to School Grant Program (FNS)
- Farmers Market Promotion Program (AMS)
- Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (formerly FINI) (NIFA)
- Regional Food Systems Partnership Grants (AMS)
- Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FNS)
- Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)
- Urban Agriculture and Innovation Grants (NRCS)
- WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FNS)

RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN

- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (NIFA)
- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (NIFA)
- Community Prosperity Funding Opportunity (OPPE)
- Conservation Technical Assistance (NRCS)
- Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans (AGVETS) (NIFA)

- Extension Risk Management (NIFA)
- Federal State Marketing Improvement Program (AMS)
- Food Safety Outreach Program (NIFA)
- Organic Research & Extension Initiative (NIFA)
- Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (2501 Program) (OPPE)

- Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RD)
- Small Business Innovation Research (NIFA)
- Socially Disadvantaged Group Grant (RD)
- Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)
- Specialty Crop Research Initiative (NIFA)
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NIFA)

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Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (NRCS)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/acep>

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (NIFA)

<https://go.usa.gov/xQEyH>

Agricultural Innovation Center (RD)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/agriculture-innovation-center-program>

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (NIFA)

<https://go.usa.gov/xQEVa>

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans (RD)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees>

Community Facilities Loans and Grants (RD)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants (NIFA)

<https://go.usa.gov/xQEYf>

Community Prosperity Funding Opportunity (OPPE)

<https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/centers-of-community-prosperity>

Conservation Innovation Grants (NRCS)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/cig>

Conservation Reserve Program (FSA)

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/index>

Conservation Stewardship Program (NRCS)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/csp>

Conservation Technical Assistance (NRCS)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/technical/cta/>

Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans (NIFA)

<https://go.usa.gov/xQdzc>

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (NRCS)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/eqip>

Extension Risk Management (NIFA)

<https://nifa.usda.gov/program/extension-risk-management-education-program>

Farm Microloans (FSA)

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/microloans/index>

Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSA)

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/price-support/facility-loans/farm-storage/>

Farm to School Grant Program (FNS)

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school-grant-program>

Farmers Market Promotion Program (AMS)

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/fmpp>

Federal State Marketing Improvement Program (AMS)

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/fsmip>

Food Safety Outreach Program (NIFA)

<https://nifa.usda.gov/food-safety-outreach-program>

Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (formerly FINI) (NIFA)

<https://nifa.usda.gov/program/gus-schumacher-nutrition-incentive-grant-program>

Grass Fed Small and Very Small Producer Program (AMS)

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/grass-fed-SVS>

Local Food Promotion Program (AMS)

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/lfp>

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program and Other Disaster Assistance Programs (FSA)

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/noninsured-crop-disaster-assistance/index>

Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE)

<https://www.usda.gov/partnerships>

Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production (NRCS)

<https://www.farmers.gov/manage/urban/opportunities>

Organic Cost Share (FSA)

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/ocscsp>

Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (2501 Program) (OPPE)

<https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/socially-disadvantaged-farmers-and-ranchers>

Regional Food Systems Partnership Grants (AMS)

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/rfsp>

Rural Business Development Grants (RD)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/rbdg>

Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RD)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/rcdg>

Rural Energy for America Program (RD)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/reap>

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FNS)

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfmnp>

Small Business Innovation Research (NIFA)

<https://nifa.usda.gov/program/small-business-innovation-research-program-sbir>

Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/scbpg>

Specialty Crop Research Initiative (NIFA)

<https://go.usa.gov/xQEyF>

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NIFA)

<https://go.usa.gov/xQEyM>

Value Added Producer Grants (RD)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/vapg>

Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (RMA)

<https://www.rma.usda.gov/en/Policy-and-Procedure/Insurance-Plans/Whole-Farm-Revenue-Protection>

WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FNS)

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/fmnp>