



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



PRODUCTION



PROCESSING



AGGREGATION/ DISTRIBUTION



MARKETS/ CONSUMERS

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)

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)

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)

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)

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/lfpp>

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/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants>

Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RD)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-cooperative-development-grant-program>

Rural Energy for America Program (RD)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency>

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/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants>

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>