



# 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/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>