



United States
Department of
Agriculture

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

Conservation Reserve Program

Conservation Stewardship Program

Environmental Quality Incentives Program



PRODUCTION

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Farm Microloans

Farm Storage Facility Loans

Grass Fed Small and Very Small Producer Program

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

Organic Cost Share

Rural Energy for America Program



PROCESSING

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans

Community Facilities Loans and Grants

Local Food Promotion Program

Rural Business Development Grants

Value-Added Producer Grants



AGGREGATION/ DISTRIBUTION

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans

Community Facilities Loans and Grants

Local Food Promotion Program

Rural Business Development Grants

Specialty Crop Block Grants



MARKETS/ CONSUMERS

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants

Farmers Market Promotion Program

Farm to School Grant Program

Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Specialty Crop Block Grants

WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Whole Farm Revenue Protection

Research, Education, and Technical Assistance Programs Along the Supply Chain:

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

Conservation Technical Assistance

Federal State Marketing Improvement Program

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

Risk Management Education Program

Rural Cooperative Development Grants

Small Business Innovation Research

Specialty Crop Block Grants

Specialty Crop Research Initiative

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program

Color Key

-  Agricultural Marketing Service
-  Farm Service Agency
-  Food and Nutrition Service
-  National Institute of Food and Agriculture
-  Natural Resources Conservation Service
-  Office of Advocacy and Outreach
-  Rural Development
-  Risk Management Agency

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