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)
- Conservation Reserve Program (FSA)
- Conservation Stewardship Program (NRCS)
- Conservation Innovation Grants (NRCS)
- 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)
- Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (RMA)

**PRODUCTION**
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans (RD)
- Community Facilities Loans and Grants (RD)
- Local Food Promotion Program (AMS)
- Rural Business Development Grants (RD)
- Value Added Producer Grants (RD)

**PROCESSING**
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans (RD)
- Community Facilities Loans and Grants (RD)
- Local Food Promotion Program (AMS)
- Rural Business Development Grants (RD)
- Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)

**AGGREGATION/DISTRIBUTION**
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans (RD)
- Community Facilities Loans and Grants (RD)
- Local Food Promotion Program (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)
- Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program (NIFA)
- Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FNS)
- Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)
- 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)
- Conservation Technical Assistance (NRCS)
- Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans (AGVETS) (NIFA)
- Federal State Marketing Improvement Program (AMS)
- Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (2501 Program) (OAO)
- Risk Management Education Program (RMA)
- Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RD)
- Small Business Innovation Research (NIFA)
- Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)
- Specialty Crop Research Initiative (NIFA)
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NIFA)

**COLOR KEY**
- Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
- Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAO)
- Risk Management Agency (RMA)
- Rural Development (RD)

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