### 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)
- Urban Agriculture and Innovation Grants (NRCS)
- WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FNS)

#### 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://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://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://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)

Conservation Stewardship Program (NRCS)
https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/csp

Conservation Technical Assistance (NRCS)

Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans (NIFA)
https://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)

Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSA)

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/fsmp

Food Safety Outreach Program (NIFA)

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/lffp

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/occsp

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

Regional Food Systems Partnership Grants (AMS)
https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/rfsp

Rural Business Development Grants (RD)
https://www.rd.usda.gov/rdbg

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)

Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)
https://www.ams.usda.gov/scbgp

Specialty Crop Research Initiative (NIFA)
https://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)

WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FNS)
https://www.fns.usda.gov/fmnp

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