



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 (hoop houses/high tunnels)
- Farm Microloans
- Farm Storage Facility Loans
- Grass-fed Certification
- 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
- Rural Business Enterprise 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
- Rural Business Enterprise Grants
- Specialty Crop Block Grants

MARKETS/CONSUMERS

- Community Food Projects Competitive Grants
- Farmers Market Promotion Program
- Farm to School Program
- Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
- Specialty Crop Block Grants
- WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

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
- 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
- Rural Development

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