# 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.

**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)
- Food Safety Outreach Program (NIFA)

**Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (2501 Program) (OAO)**
- Risk Management Education Program (NIFA)
- 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)

**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)
- Value Added Producer Grants (RD)
- Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)

**Community Facilities Loans and Grants (RD)**
- Local Food Promotion Program (AMS)
- Regional Food Systems Partnership Grants (AMS)
- Rural Business Development Grants (RD)
- Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)
- WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FNS)

**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (NRCS)**
- 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)

**Farm Service Agency (FSA)**
- 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)

**Farm to School Grant Program (FNS)**
- 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)
- WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FNS)

**Risk Management Agency (RMA)**
- Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (RMA)

**Rural Development (RD)**
- Community Food Projects Competitive Grants (NIFA)
- 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)
- WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FNS)

**Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)**
- Growth and Development of Specialty Crops (AMS)
- Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (AMS)

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