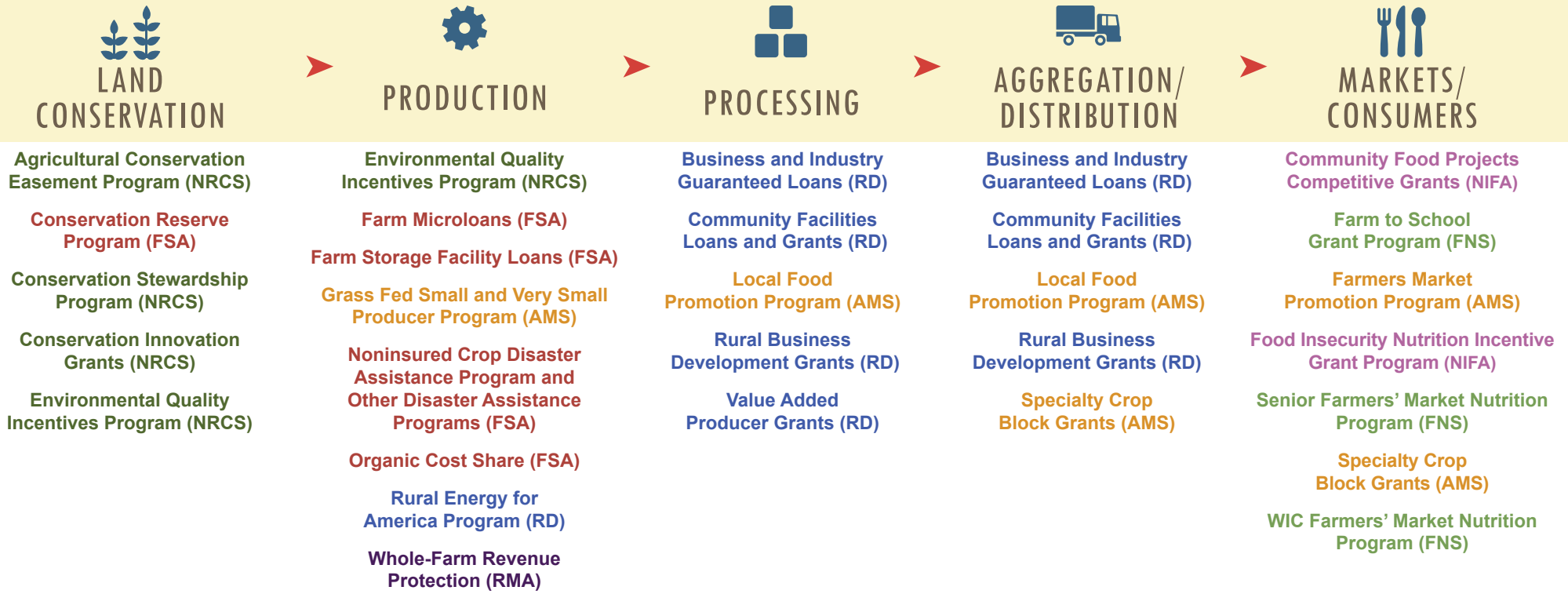


USDA PROGRAMS IN THE LOCAL FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

USDA is committed to supporting robust regional food economies across the food chain through the programs noted below.



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)

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- 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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Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (NRCS)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/acep>

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (NIFA)

<https://go.usa.gov/xQEyH>

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (NIFA)

<https://go.usa.gov/xQEYv>

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://go.usa.gov/xQEYf>

Conservation Innovation Grants (NRCS)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/cig>

Conservation Reserve Program (FSA)

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/>

Conservation Stewardship Program (NRCS)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/csp>

Conservation Technical Assistance (NRCS)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/technical/cta/>

Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans (NIFA)

<https://go.usa.gov/xQdzc>

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (NRCS)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/eqip>

Farm Microloans (FSA)

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/microloans/index>

Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSA)

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/price-support/facility-loans/farm-storage/>

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/fsmip>

Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program (NIFA)

<https://go.usa.gov/xQEYh>

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/lfp>

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program and Other Disaster Assistance Programs (FSA)

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index>

Organic Cost Share (FSA)

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/ocssp>

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

<https://www.outreach.usda.gov/sdfr/>

Risk Management Education Program (RMA)

<https://www.rma.usda.gov/about/rma/who/about/rme.html>

Rural Business Development Grants (RD)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/rbdg>

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 (RD)

<https://nifa.usda.gov/program/small-business-innovation-research-program-sbir>

Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/scbgb>

Specialty Crop Research Initiative (NIFA)

<https://go.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)

<https://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/wfrp.html>

WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FNS)

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/fmnp>

