

USDA Invests \$4.7 Million to Provide Outreach and Technical Assistance to Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers

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2 Organizations Identified to Assist Producers in Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, AR, October 08, 2021 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced an investment of \$4.7 million to establish partnerships with organizations to provide outreach and technical assistance to historically underserved farmers and ranchers. The partnerships will support participation in Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs, including those that are part of USDA's [Pandemic Assistance for Producers](#) initiative.?

Fifty-six project proposals, covering all states and territories, are being finalized to assist historically underserved farmers and ranchers in accessing FSA programs. Programs include outreach for pandemic assistance programs, including the sign-up re-opening of the [Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2](#) (CFAP 2). These proposals will also assist in outreach for FSA's farm programs, [conservation programs](#), [farm loans](#), [county committee elections](#), [disaster programs](#), the [Heirs' Property Relending Program](#), heirs' property succession planning and the Agricultural Marketing Service's [Pandemic Response and Safety Grant](#) program.

"Of the 56 selected proposals, 2 will directly impact farmers and ranchers in Arkansas," said Danny Hoots, Acting State Executive Director for FSA in Arkansas. "These partnerships will provide important technical assistance, outreach and education and will equip farmers and ranchers with the resources needed to access and participate in FSA's programs and services."

The organizations and projects impacting Arkansas include:

- **Arkansas Land and Community Development (ALCDC)** providing support on FSA Loans in Arkansas and the Delta Region of Mississippi.

- **University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB)** providing support on Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), Farm Numbers, FSA Loans, and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers (BFRs) in Arkansas[RDFBCM1] .

Read about all 56 funded projects and organizations on [FSA's cooperative agreements webpage](#).

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit? www.usda.gov?

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