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

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Three Organizations Identified to Assist Producers in Texas

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, November 3, 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. 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, three will directly impact farmers and ranchers in Texas," said Eddie Trevino, Acting State Executive Director for FSA in Texas. "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 Texas include:

- National Women in Agriculture – Texas Chapter providing support on FSA programs and AMS' Pandemic Response and Safety Grant in Central and South Texas

- Texas Small Farmers and Rancher CBO providing support on operating capital, estate & succession planning, risk management, disaster programs and conservation programs statewide
- The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley providing support on farm loans in Zapata, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Starr, Hidalgo, Willacy and Cameron Counties

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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