

New Farmers & Ranchers



For more information:

Each program may have differing conditions and eligibility requirements. To discuss requirements, make applications, or even get a referral to another USDA agency, please stop by your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

More FSA program information can be located at www.fsa.usda.gov or find us in your telephone directory under U.S. Department of Agriculture.

For more information about getting started in farming, visit our front door to all USDA resources for the next generation of farmers and ranchers, at www.usda.gov/newfarmers.

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Interested in farming or ranching?



The Farm Service Agency can help you get started and keep you running.

Contact USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) early in your farming or ranching career to get help on starting and maintaining your operation.

FSA has a lot to offer new farmers and ranchers. Visit an FSA office today to see how we can help!

Some of what FSA Offers Farmers and Ranchers:

- ◆ Specialized loans
- ◆ Soil and Water Conservation Assistance
- ◆ Disaster Recovery
- ◆ Income Safety-Net
- ◆ Referrals to other USDA agencies
- ◆ See a local FSA office representative or explore www.usda.gov/newfarmers



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What special help is there for new and beginning farmers and ranchers?

Loans:

- ◆ FSA offers low-interest loans to new farmers unable to obtain commercial financing that can help you to purchase land, equipment, and commodity storage.
- ◆ FSA offices loan up to \$5,000 to young persons between 10-20 years, microloans up to \$50,000 to new, small to mid-sized family farm operations for land, equipment and operating costs, and facility loans to build or upgrade cold storage, grain bins, bulk tanks and drying and handling equipment – and more.

Disaster Protection and Recovery

- ◆ Free catastrophic coverage against natural disasters is available for new farmers who grow crops that are non-insurable, with discounted premiums for higher levels of coverage.
- ◆ Specialized disaster assistance programs are available for honey bee, fish and livestock producers, as well as nursery tree growers and orchardists.

Income Support:

- ◆ Income protection is available when revenues and yields drop due to changes in markets and weather.

Soil and Water Conservation Assistance:

- ◆ Annual incentives are available for new farmers who agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and establish approved plant species that can improve soil and water quality.

Land:

- ◆ Retired or retiring farmers with land enrolled in expiring Conservation Reserve Program contracts can receive two additional annual payments if the land is rented or sold to a new farmer or rancher who returns land to production using sustainable grazing or farming methods.

General:

- ◆ Services like mapping farm and field boundaries and reporting acreage can be provided for specialty certifications or crop insurance agents.

