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Program Title: World Agricultural Outlook Board

Agency: USDA, Office of the Chief Economist

Type of Service: External Resource

Target Client: Any

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: USDA's focal point for economic intelligence and the commodity outlook for U.S. and world agriculture.

Website: <http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/>

Email: N/A

Phone: N/A

Program Title: Drought Monitor

Agency: National Drought Mitigation Center

Type of Service: External Resource

Target Client: Any

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Interactive map providing in depth information on current drought trends.

Website: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>

Email: N/A

Phone: 402-472-6707

Program Title: Rural Energy for American Program (REAP)

Agency: USDA, Rural Development

Type of Service: Conservation Program

Target Client: Small business in rural areas with a population greater than 50,000 inhabitants.

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Agricultural producers with at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations.

Important Dates: Applications accepted continuously.

Program Description: Provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to install renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements.

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency>

Email: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us>

Phone: Contact local office

Program Title: Census data

Agency: USDA

Type of Service: External Resource

Target Client: Any

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: The Census of Agriculture is the leading source of facts and figures about American agriculture. Conducted every five years, the Census provides a detailed picture of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them.

Website: http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/About_the_Census/

Email: nass@nass.usda.gov

Phone: 800-727-9540

Program Title: Cooperative Extension Offices

Agency: USDA

Type of Service: External Resource

Target Client: Any

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Promotes understanding and use of the cooperatives to market and distribute agricultural products as well as providing research-based knowledge to strengthen the social, economic and environmental well-being of families, communities and agriculture enterprises.

Website: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=cooperative_research_extension_services.xml

Email: N/A

Phone: N/A

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Agency: USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Type of Service: Grant Program

Target Client: New farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Collaborative state, tribal, local, or regional public or private entity

Important Dates: Pre-registration process may take up to 1 month

Program Description: Awards grants to organizations in a competitive process for standard projects, educational projects, and training to beginning ranchers and farmers.

Website: <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp>

Email: jauburn@nifa.usda.gov

Phone: (202) 720-2635

Program Title: Family & Small Farm Program

Agency: USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Type of Service: Grant Program

Target Client: Small farms and ranches

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Small

Important Dates: Toll-free Infoline (800-583-3071) Mon-Fri 7 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. EST for small farm questions.

Program Description: Provide both competitive and non-competitive funding for small farms to produce affordable, safe, and healthy foods.

Website: <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/family-small-farm-program>

Email: debodaghe@nifa.usda.gov

Phone: (202) 401-4385

Program Title: LINC (Leveraging Information and Networks to Access Capital)

Agency: Small Business Administration

Type of Service: Loan Identifier Program

Target Client: New farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Small

Important Dates: After questionnaire submission, lenders should respond within 2 business days.

Program Description: Online questionnaire and referral tool to connect small business borrowers with participating lenders.

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/tools/linc>

Email: LINC@sba.gov

Phone: 800-827-5722

Program Title: Grassland Reserve Program

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Conservation Program

Target Client: Farmers needing restoration or preservation programs

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Must own or have control of the land to be enrolled in program.

Important Dates: Applications accepted continuously.

Program Description: 10-20 year contract to prevent grazing and pasture land from being converted into cropland or urban development with rental payment incentives.

Website: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/grassland-reserve/index>

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6305

Program Title: Source Water Protection Program

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Conservation Program

Target Client: Farmers needing restoration or preservation programs

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any in participating states

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Designed to help prevent pollution of surface and ground water used as the primary source of drinking water by rural residents.

Website: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/source-water-protection/index>

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6306

Program Title: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Agency: USDA, National Resources Conservation Service

Type of Service: Conservation Program

Target Client: Producer engaged in livestock, agriculture, or forest production with a natural resource concern.

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Agricultural producer in control of land with AGI less than \$900,000.

Important Dates: Application accepted on a continuous basis.

Program Description: A voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to plan and implement conservation practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related natural resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/programs/?cid=stelprdb1046250>

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: Contact local office

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Program Title: Emergency Conservation Program

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Conservation Program

Target Client: Farmers needing restoration or preservation programs

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Land damaged from natural disaster or severe drought that requires immediate attention

Important Dates: Contact local office to determine county sign-up periods

Program Description: Helps farmers and ranchers to repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters and install water conservation methods through funding and assistance to damaged land.

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

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6302

Program Title: Emergency Forest Restoration Program

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Conservation Program

Target Client: Farmers needing restoration or preservation programs

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: FSA County Committee will inspect the forest damage to determine eligibility

Important Dates: Contact local office to determine county sign-up periods after disaster has occurred.

Program Description: Helps owners of non-industrial private forests restore forest health damaged by natural disasters through payments for restoration.

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

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6303

Program Title: Farmable Wetlands Program

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Conservation Program

Target Client: Farmers needing restoration or preservation programs

Years Farming: 3/10 past crop years

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Voluntary 10-15 year contracts designed to restore previously farmed wetlands and wetland buffer to improve both vegetation and water flow. Rental payment incentives.

Website: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/farmable-wetlands/index>

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6304

Program Title: Basic 7(a) Loan Program

Agency: Small Business Administration

Type of Service: Loan Program

Target Client: For-profit business in the U.S. with need

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Small

Important Dates: SBAExpress will respond to a loan application within 36 hours.

Program Description: For a maximum loan amount of \$5 million, this basic loan is for starting, acquiring, and expanding a small business.

Website:

<https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/general-small-business-loans-7a>

Email: answerdesk@sba.gov

Phone: 800-827-5722

Program Title: Certified Development Company/504 Loan

Agency: Small Business Administration

Type of Service: Loan Program

Target Client: For-profit business in the U.S. with need

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Net worth less than \$15 million and average income less than \$5 million after taxes

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: For the purchase of land, buildings, improvements, utilities, parking lots, landscaping, converting, or equipment purchasing at a maximum of \$5.5 million.

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/real-estate-equipment-loans-cdc-504>

Email: answerdesk@sba.gov

Phone: 800-827-5723

Program Title: SBA Microloans

Agency: Small Business Administration

Type of Service: Loan Program

Target Client: Small, beginning farmers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Each lender has own requirements, but typical collateral required and personal guarantee.

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: 6 year microloan to be used in the purchase of working capital, inventory or supplies, furniture or fixtures, machinery, or equipment for a maximum of \$50,000.

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/micro-loan-program>

Email: answerdesk@sba.gov

Phone: 800-827-5724

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Program Title: FSA Microloans

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Loan Program

Target Client: Small, beginning farmers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Some farm experience.

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Finances the needs of small, beginning farmer, niche, and non-traditional farm operations.

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

Email/contact: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=fsa>

Phone: 602-285-6300

Program Title: SBA Disaster Assistance

Agency: Small Business Administration

Type of Service: Loan Program

Target Client: Business affected by disaster

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Low-interest disaster loans to be used for replacing or repairing real estate, personal property, machinery, equipment, and inventory and business assets.

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/disaster-loans>

Email: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

Phone: 800-659-2955

Program Title: SBA Economic Injury Loans

Agency: Small Business Administration

Type of Service: Loan Program

Target Client: Small business affected by disaster

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Small business in a declared disaster area

Important Dates: Loan term no longer than 30 years.

Program Description: Loans of up to \$2 million for businesses with substantial economic injury unable to pay operating expenses in order to help meet these obligations.

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/disaster-loans/types-disaster-loans/economic-injury-disaster-loans>

Email: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

Phone: 800-659-2955

Program Title: Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

Agency: USDA, National Resources Conservation Service

Type of Service: Conservation Program

Target Client: Farmers needing restoration or preservation programs

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Cropland, rangeland, grassland, pastureland, nonindustrial private forest land and converted wetlands are eligible for enrollment in land easements.

Important Dates: Proposals due to NRCS by May 16, 2016

Program Description: Provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and their related benefits.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/acep/>

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: Contact local office

Program Title: Conservation Reserve Program

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Conservation Program

Target Client: Farmers needing restoration or preservation programs

Years Farming: 1 year of land ownership and/or operation with certain exceptions

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: General CRP sign-up is December 1 through February. Continuous CRP is ongoing.

Program Description: 10-15 year contract land conservation program. Participating farmers remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will aid in environmental health in exchange for a yearly rental payment.

Website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/index>

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6300

Program Title: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Conservation Program

Target Client: Farmers needing restoration or preservation programs

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: State must have a CREP agreement in place with FSA

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Offshoot of the Conservation Reserve Program that targets high-priority conservation issues and partners with state and/or tribal governments in implementing certain conservation measures.

Website: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-enhancement/index>

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6301

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Program Title: National Farmers Market Directory

Agency: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service

Type of Service: Marketing

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: N/A

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Directory providing convenient information about farmers markets.

Website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/local-food-directories/farmersmarkets>

Email: N/A

Phone: N/A

Program Title: Local Food Directories

Agency: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service

Type of Service: Marketing

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: N/A

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Directory providing information on locating farmers markets, on-farm markets, CSAs, and food hubs.

Website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/local-regional/food-directories>

Email: N/A

Phone: N/A

Program Title: Market News

Agency: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service

Type of Service: Marketing

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: N/A

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Provides free, unbiased price and sales information to assist in the marketing and distribution of farm commodities.

Website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news>

Email: N/A

Phone: N/A

Program Title: USDA Business and Industry Loan Program

Agency: USDA, Rural Development

Type of Service: Loan Program

Target Client: Strong lenders and borrowers in rural areas with over 50,000 residents

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Rural business

Important Dates: Pre-registered with System for Award Management and possess a Data Universal Number System number.

Program Description: Bolsters existing private credit structure through loan guarantees allowing private loans of more credit than typical allowances.

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees>

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: Contact local office

Program Title: Value-Added Producer Grants

Agency: USDA, Rural Development

Type of Service: Loan Program

Target Client: Farmers and producers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Independent producers, agricultural producers, ranchers, cooperatives

Important Dates: Paper application due July 1, 2016; Electronic application due June 24, 2016.

Program Description: Helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of bio-based, value-added products.

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants>

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: Contact local office

Program Title: Crop Insurance Programs

Agency: USDA, Risk Management Agency

Type of Service: Risk Protection Program

Target Client: Beginning farmers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Promote the economic stability of agriculture through a system of crop insurance. Managed by a Board of Directors, under supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Website: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/fcic/>

Email: RMA.CCO@rma.usda.gov

Phone: N/A

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Program Title: Dairy Margin Protection Program

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Risk Protection Program

Target Client: Dairy Producers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Landowner, tenant, or sharecropper with risk in production of a crop and entitled to a share of that crop. AGI not over \$900,000

Important Dates: September-November Enrollment

Program Description: Offers dairy producers catastrophic coverage and levels of buy-up coverage when dairy production margins range from \$4.00 to \$8.00.

Website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/Dairy-MPP/index>

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6300

Program Title: Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) & Price Loss Coverage (PLC)

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Risk Protection Program

Target Client: Beginning farmers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Landowner, tenant, or sharecropper with risk in production of a crop and entitled to a share of that crop. AGI not over \$900,000.

Important Dates: Coverage begins 30 days after application fees have been paid or date crop is planted.

Program Description: ARC and PLC offer financial assistance to producers of major row crops when either commodity prices or revenues are below certain levels. Check website for eligible commodities.

Website: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/arcplc_program/index

Email: <https://askfsa.custhelp.com/app/answers/list/p/365>

Phone: 602-285-6300

Program Title: Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Risk Protection Program

Target Client: Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers

Important Dates: Application period typically between July and September

Program Description: Reimbursement of transportation costs for geographically disadvantaged producers with a portion of the cost to transport agricultural commodities or inputs used to produce an agricultural commodity.

Website: http://www.apfo.usda.gov/FSA/newsReleases?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=pfs&newstype=prfactsheet&type=detail&item=pf_20130709_insup_en_xpo.html

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6300

Program Title: Local Food Promotion Program

Agency: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service

Type of Service: Marketing

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Supporters of local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate or store produced food products.

Important Dates: Application typically due mid May.

Program Description: LFPP offers grant funds under two applications to support development and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises to further local food markets.

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

Email: USDALFPPQuestions@ams.usda.gov

Phone: 202-720-2731

Program Title: National Organic Program

Agency: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service

Type of Service: Marketing

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: N/A

Farm Size: Supporters of local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate or store produced food products.

Important Dates: Application typically due mid May.

Program Description: A regulatory program that develops national standards for organically-produced agricultural products. The NOP also has authority to take appropriate legal action to enforce the organic standards and thus protect the integrity of the USDA organic standards, from farm to market, around the world.

Website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/about-ams/programs-offices/national-organic-program>

Email: [https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/NOP_Contacts\[1\].pdf](https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/NOP_Contacts[1].pdf)

Phone: 202-720-3252

Program Title: AMS Grading Services/Certification and Verification

Agency: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service

Type of Service: Marketing

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) provides American agriculture with valuable tools and services, such as grading, certification, and verification that help create marketing opportunities.

Website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/publications/content/understanding-food-quality-labels>

Email: Contact specific office

Phone: Contact specific office

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Program Title: Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

Agency: USDA, National Resources Conservation Service

Type of Service: Partnerships

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Under RCPP, eligible producers and landowners of agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland may enter into conservation program contracts or easement agreements under the framework of a partnership agreement.

Important Dates: Application typically closes beginning of July

Program Description: Promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance to producers through partnership agreements and through program contracts or easement agreements.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmbill/rcpp/>

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: Contact local office

Program Title: Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food

Agency: USDA, KYF2

Type of Service: Partnerships

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Aims to support the critical connection between farmers and consumers and to strengthen USDA's support for local and regional food systems.

Website: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=KYF_GRANTS

Email: knowyourfarmer@usda.gov

Phone: N/A

Program Title: Farmers Market Promotion Program

Agency: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service

Type of Service: Marketing

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Pre-registered with System for Award Management and possess a Data Universal Number System number.

Important Dates: Application typically due mid May.

Program Description: FMPP aims to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets.

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

Email: USDAFMPPQuestions@ams.usda.gov

Phone: 202-720-0933

Program Title: Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)

Agency: USDA, Risk Management Agency

Type of Service: Disaster Assistance Program

Target Client: Farmer or producer affected by disaster.

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Loss must be the direct results of an eligible adverse weather or loss condition.

Important Dates: Final date to file notice of loss is 30 days after loss is apparent. Application for payment period typically ends November 1.

Program Description: Provides emergency relief to producers of livestock, honey bees, and farm-raised fish. Covers losses from disaster or adverse weather such as blizzards and wildfires.

Website: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/emergency-assist-for-livestock-honey-bees-fish/index>

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6300

Program Title: Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Disaster Assistance Program

Target Client: Farmer or producer affected by disaster

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Landowner, tenant, or sharecropper with risk in production of a crop and entitled to a share of that crop. AGI not over \$900,000.

Important Dates: Coverage begins 30 days after application fees have been paid or date crop is planted.

Program Description: NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters.

Website:

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

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6300

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Program Title: Livestock Forage Disaster Program

Agency: USDA, Risk Management Agency

Type of Service: Disaster Assistance Program

Target Client: Farmer or producer affected by disaster

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Producers must own, cash, or share lease during the 60 days before date of disaster, provide pasture land for covered livestock, certify loss with documentation, and file an acreage report.

Important Dates: Application for payment and required supporting documents due 30 days after end of calendar year in which grazing loss occurred.

Program Description: Provides compensation to livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses.

Website:

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

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6300

Program Title: Livestock Indemnity Program

Agency: USDA, Risk Management Agency

Type of Service: Disaster Assistance Program

Target Client: Farmer or producer affected by disaster

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: On day of loss producer must have had possession and control of eligible livestock and a written agreement with eligible owner regarding terms of production.

Important Dates: Notice of loss must be submitted within 30 days of when loss of livestock is apparent.

Program Description: LIP provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather or by animal attacks reintroduced into the wild.

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

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6300

Program Title: Tree Assistance Program

Agency: USDA, Risk Management Agency

Type of Service: Disaster Assistance Program

Target Client: Farmer or producer affected by disaster

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Loss must not have been preventable, and eligible trees, bushes, or vines must have suffered more than a 15% mortality loss with damage visible.

Important Dates: Application must be submitted within 90 days of disaster or date when loss is visible.

Program Description: Provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

Program Description: Inspect all shell eggs and egg products sold in Arizona; financed by a fee to licensed dealers. Verify that products meet quality, weight, labeling, and refrigeration requirements

Website: <https://agriculture.az.gov/egg-product-control-program>

Email: N/A

Phone: 602-542-0884

Program Title: Livestock Services

Agency: Arizona Department of Agriculture

Type of Service: Animal and Plant Services

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: ASD employs 20 field staff who inspect livestock (excluding equine) for health, marks, and brands before slaughter, purchase, or transport.

Website: <https://agriculture.az.gov/sites/default/files/ASD%20livestock%20brochure%2011-24-15.pdf>

Email: rshore@azda.gov

Phone: 623-445-0281

Program Title: Meat and Poultry Inspection

Agency: Arizona Department of Agriculture

Type of Service: Animal and Plant Services

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: State meat inspection personnel monitor the sanitation and manufacturing practices during production and ante and post mortem inspection.

Website: <https://agriculture.az.gov/meat-and-poultry-inspection>

Email: N/A

Phone: 602-542-6398

Program Title: Citrus, Fruit, and Vegetable Standardization

Agency: USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Type of Service: Animal and Plant Services

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Monitors and enforces the quality standards for all fresh fruit and vegetables produced in Arizona.

Website: <https://agriculture.az.gov/citrus-fruit-and-vegetable-standardization-0>

Email: N/A

Phone: 602-542-0947

Program Title: Plant Protection and Quarantine Program

Agency: USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Type of Service: Animal and Plant Services

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Safeguards U.S. agriculture and natural resources against the spread of pests and facilitates safe trade of agricultural products.

Website: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/ppq-program-overview>

Email: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/banner/contactus/sa_plant_health/ct_contact_ppq

Phone: Contact local office

Program Title: Animal Disease Control and Traceability

Agency: Arizona Department of Agriculture

Type of Service: Animal and Plant Services

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Aims to know where diseased and at-risk animals are located and ensures rapid response when animals do become diseased.

Website: <https://agriculture.az.gov/animal-disease-control-and-traceability>

Email: N/A

Phone: 602-542-4293

Program Title: Dairy Control Program

Agency: Arizona Department of Agriculture

Type of Service: Animal and Plant Services

Target Client: Dairy farmers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Regulate milk and milk products under PMO and check producers regularly for overall sanitation, protection and handling, and handling of animals.

Website: <https://agriculture.az.gov/dairy-control-program-0>

Email: N/A

Phone: 602-542-4189

Program Title: Egg Product Control Program

Agency: USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Type of Service: Animal and Plant Services

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Website:

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

Email: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Phone: 602-285-6300

Program Title: eExtension

Agency: Extension

Type of Service: Business Guidance

Target Client: Beginning farmers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Resources, data, and information from land-grant universities to educate farmers and developers.

Website: <https://extension.org>

Email: bethraney@extension.org

Phone: 814-863-2525

Program Title: FarmAnswers.org

Agency: Farm Answers

Type of Service: Business Guidance

Target Client: Beginning farmers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: A program funded by the USDA's Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grant program to provide business-planning guides.

Website: <https://farmanswers.org/Library>

Email: FarmAnswers@gmail.com

Phone: N/A

Program Title: Start a Business

Agency: Business USA

Type of Service: Business Guidance

Target Client: Beginning farmers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Platform for new businesses, aiding in planning, growing, hiring and other tools.

Website: <http://business.usa.gov/start-a-business>

Email: <http://business.usa.gov/help>

Phone: 1-844-249-8722

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Program Title: Starting and Managing a Business

Agency: USB

Type of Service: Business Guidance

Target Client: Beginning farmers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Information database with help on how to start, manage, and transition a business.

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/managing-business>

Email: answerdesk@sba.gov

Phone: 800-827-5722

Program Title: Farm Service Agency Farm Loans

Agency: USDA, Farm Service Agency

Type of Service: Business Guidance

Target Client: Beginning farmers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: A basic guide to provide business planning help focusing on loans and funding.

Website: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa_br_01_web_booklet.pdf

Email: <http://askfsa.custhelp.com/app/ask/session/L3RpbWUvMTQ2MDQwNDU5NS9zaWQvb3V0dDJOTm0%3D>

Phone: 602-285-6300

Program Title: Is Organic an Option for Me?

Agency: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service

Type of Service: Business Guidance

Target Client: Beginning farmers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Information on becoming an organic farmer, organic food certification, and funding information for organic farming.

Website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/is-it-an-option>

Email: N/A

Phone: N/A

Program Title: AgPlan

Agency: AgPlan

Type of Service: Business Guidance

Target Client: Beginning farmers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Provides development tools for personal business plans and resources such as sample business plans.

Website: <https://agplan.umn.edu>

Email: N/A

Phone: N/A

Program Title: AgMRC

Agency: AgMRC

Type of Service: Business Guidance

Target Client: Beginning farmers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: National virtual resource center for value-added agricultural groups.

Website:

<http://www.agmrc.org>

Email: N/A

Phone: 866-277-5567

Program Title: How to Start a Cooperative

Agency: USDA, Rural Development

Type of Service: Business Guidance

Target Client: Beginning farmers

Years Farming: Beginning (5 or less years over the age of 18)

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: Guide for developing a cooperative with technical and educational information.

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/publications/CIR%207%20How%20to%20Start%20a%20Cooperative%20%282015%29.pdf>

Email: N/A

Phone: (602) 280-8701

Program Title: National Veterinary Accreditation Program

Agency: USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Type of Service: Animal and Plant Services

Target Client: Farmers and ranchers

Years Farming: Any

Farm Size: Any

Important Dates: N/A

Program Description: For those seeking animal care for livestock.

Website: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/banner/contactus/SA_Animal_Health

Email: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/banner/contactus/sa_animal_welfare/

Phone: Contact local office