



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
- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program
- Conservation Technical Assistance
- Federal State Marketing Improvement Program
- Risk Management Education Program
- Rural Cooperative Development Grants
- Small Business Innovation Research
- Specialty Crop Block Grants
- Specialty Crop Research Initiative
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program

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- Agricultural Marketing Service
- Farm Service Agency
- Food and Nutrition Service
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Rural Development
- Risk Management Agency