The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Minnesota support agriculture in urban and suburban areas, beginning farmers and ranchers, and specialty crop production, including:


**NRCS Programs**

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):

**USDA Farm Programs**

- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP):
- Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2):
  [www.farmers.gov/cfap](http://www.farmers.gov/cfap)
- Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL):

**USDA New and Beginning Farmer Program**

- Update on New and beginning farmer program: [https://newfarmers.usda.gov/](https://newfarmers.usda.gov/)
- Update on Urban Ag COC Pilot through USDA (not yet in MN):

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