

# Farmer Finance Resources

New and first generation farmers, as well as small to mid-size farmers, face increased barriers when it comes to accessing financial assistance. These barriers are often limiting in getting an initial foothold or, conversely, the last straw for just founded businesses. Here are some resources we recommend when seeking support with relation to capital, land and insurance opportunities in the farmer financial arena:

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First, find your FSA Office.

The FSA has several programs, including Disaster Assistance Programs, such as the Disaster Set-Aside Program.

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Your State Department of Agriculture (WI as an example)

Grants and Funding Opportunities are often listed under the Division of Agricultural Development, among other financial resources.

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## USDA Farming Grants and Loans

\*\*\*Remember, get started with the FSA first\*\*\*

Microloan programs focuses on financing needs of small, beginner, niche, and non-traditional farm operations.

Organic Certification Cost Share Program provides assistance to farmers obtaining or renewing their Organic Certification. Their fact sheet has more info.

Find your Cooperative Development Center in your State.  
Have a voice in the legislature via the Cooperative Network for issues related to economic programs.

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## Food Finance Institute

Financial technical assistance to food-focused, value-added farm enterprises.

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## Farmer Resource Network via Farm Aid

Connect with organizations and resources all over the United States, including Financial & Business Planning and Funding Opportunities

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## North Central Region - SARE Grants

Grants for farmers and ranchers to explore sustainable solutions

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## Michael Fields Ag. Institute Grants and Grant Advising

Free advising for farmers applying for grants. Additional grant resources available on the website.

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## Compeer Financial

Member-owned Farm Credit cooperative supporting agriculture and rural communities. Serves 144 counties in IL, MN, and WI.

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## Fruit Guys Community Fund

Annual grants to small farms that support sustainable agriculture.

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## Frontera Farmer Foundation

Provides capital development grants to sustainable farms serving the Chicagoland area.

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Mad Ag.

Mad Capital finances regenerative organic farmers in transition and over the next decade. Many more resources through Mad Agriculture.

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