

Puerto Rico



The potential to grow and make innovative products in rural America is limitless. Since 2009, the Obama Administration has made targeted investments to help rural businesses grow. Through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s projects in affordable housing, energy efficiency, roads and bridges, and internet access, coupled with loans and grants for rural businesses, the Administration has helped to attract and retain a talented rural labor force, improve connectivity and access to information, move products to market, and make rural communities competitive—ultimately supporting strong local economies and expanded opportunity for rural **Puerto Ricans**.

MADE IN PUERTO RICO

Asociación de Productores de Farináceos del Este, Inc is a group of a dozen plantain farmers in the southern municipality of Yabucoa, Puerto Rico. With assistance from USDA, they are marketing their 100% locally-produced plantains and anticipate a 30% increase in sales thanks to the expanded customer base.



SUPPORT FOR RURAL BUSINESSES

USDA has made investments to help **60** rural businesses in **Puerto Rico** thrive and grow.

USDA investments in everything from advanced biofuels manufacturing facilities to food hubs help businesses, many of them small, capitalize on emerging markets for rural-made products. In rural America, small businesses support one in three jobs.



RENEWING RURAL MANUFACTURING

The rural economy includes more than products that come from farms. USDA has invested **\$6.6 million** to help rural manufacturers in **Puerto Rico** increase production and capacity.



HOUSING

Access to safe, affordable housing is critical to maintaining the rural labor force. USDA has helped **18,448 Puerto Rican** families purchase or repair homes.



WATER

USDA has invested **\$116.8 million** to support efficient water supply, treatment and storage facilities, and wastewater treatment systems. That investment has improved the health of thousands of rural **Puerto Ricans** who now have access to clean water and reliable sanitation.

