



# USDA Programs on a Small, Diversified Farm

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# Farm Transition

- Best fit for us:
  - Split farm in half, I bought half on contract, hope to buy the other half
  - FSA microloan for equipment
- To qualify for FSA loan I needed:
  - To be denied a bank loan
  - 3 years of experience
  - To have crop insurance (was granted an exception)
  - Crop report every year
- Collateral
- Zoning





**NonInsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)  
& Whole Farm Revenue Protection**



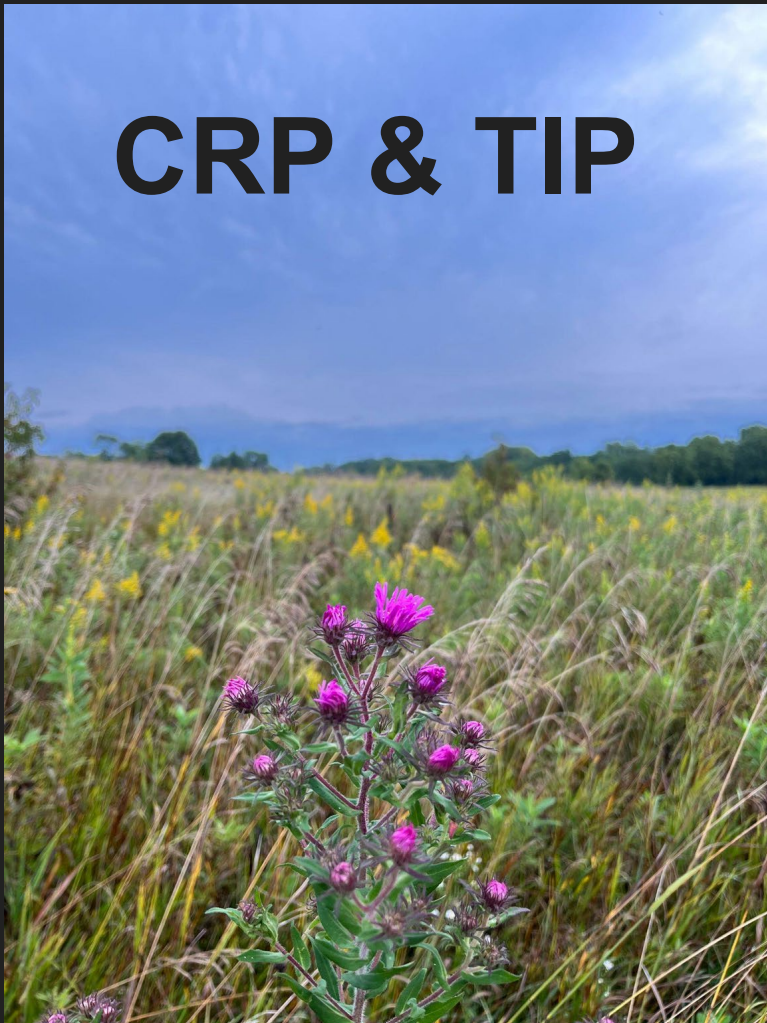
# Williams Topsoil



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# CRP & TIP



# Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)





# Pandemic Programs

- Pandemic Response & Safety Grant Program (PRS Grant Program)
- Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) & CFAP 2
  - 98.76% of African American farmer applicants who applied received some payments-- Collins et al., 2023
- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)
  - 70.61% of African American farmer applicants who applied received some payments-- Collins et al., 2023
- County Grant programs funded from ARPA



# Weather Programs

- Emergency Haying/Grazing
- Livestock Forage and Disaster Program
- The Agriculture Risk (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC)



# Extreme Weather since 2016:

- 6 USDA disaster declarations
- 2020 derecho- 110 mph winds, 8.2 million acres of corn and 5.6 million acres of soybeans impacted
- 2016: 3rd wettest year, 2018: 2nd wettest year, 2019: 12th wettest year on record → Jan 2018 - Dec 2019: wettest two-year period on record
- 2021- 1st Dec derecho (+63 tornadoes- most on record in 1 day)
- 2022- 25th driest year on record
- 2023-





# Food Access

- SNAP
- Double Up Food Bucks
- Senior/WIC Farmers Market Vouchers
- Local Food Purchasing Assistance (LFPA) Program



# Combating Food Insecurity → Grows new farmers

- Feed Iowa First
- Veggie Connect
- Global Food Project
- Children of Promise  
Apprenticeship program



