



## PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

# USDA GRANTS SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

**T**HE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (NIFA) today announced nearly \$14 million in grants to support four programs aimed at increasing prosperity and economic security for farmers, ranchers, forest landowners, and entrepreneurs through research, education, and extension on rural community development, economic growth, and sustainability.

### RURAL COMMUNITIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Ala.**  
\$499,998 | Securing the Land for Agricultural and Community Development: Addressing Heir Property as an Asset Building Strategy.

**University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.**  
\$474,998 | Utilization of Community Social Capital to Address Housing Needs.

**University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho**  
\$499,287 | Rural Wealth, Inequality, and Community Economic Resilience: Engaging Rural Communities in an Era of Economic Restructuring.

**Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.**  
\$499,789 | Measuring and Modeling Rural Wealth for Sustainable and Broad-Based Rural Prosperity.

**University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.**  
\$498,943 | The Economic Geography and Dynamics of Businesses on Indian Reservations: The Role of Space, Demographics, and Tribal Institutions.

**Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont.**  
\$474,190 | Escaping the Resource Curse: Developing Governance and Investment Frameworks to Leverage the Benefits of Energy Development for Rural Prosperity.

**Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.**  
\$499,374 | Strengthening Rural-Urban Linkages to Support Rural Economic Development: the Case of Re-localized Food Systems

**University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.**  
\$499,994 | Linking Health Care Reform and Economic Development in the Agriculture Sector.

### SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED FARMS

**University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.**  
\$499,978 | Armed to Farm: Veteran Labelled Marketing, Education and Research Strategies to Soldier Success for Military Veteran Farmers

**Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.**  
\$471,462 | Integrating Family and Business Objectives for Stronger Family Farm Sustainability

**Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.**  
\$499,995 | Impacts of Values-Based Supply Chains on Small and Medium-Sized farms

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass.**  
\$499,380 | Understanding and Informing Family Forest Owner Decisions of Intergenerational Land Transfer to Ensure Working Forested Landscapes

**Alcorn State University, Lorman, Miss.**  
\$499,794 | Adaptability, Efficiency and Impact of Irrigation Systems and Scheduling Methods on Small and Limited Resource Vegetable and Fruit Farms in Mississippi

**Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio**  
\$384,913 - Diversification Strategy for Small and Medium Sized Farms

**Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore.**  
\$499,996 | Beyond Fresh and Direct: Exploring Specialty Food Marketing Opportunities for Small and Medium Sized Farms

**University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.**  
\$499,978 | Defining and Overcoming Economic Factors Hindering Adoption of Food Safety

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## AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES - ECONOMICS, MARKETS, AND TRADE

**University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.**  
\$399,867 | A Dynamic General Equilibrium Analysis of Immigration Policies and Agricultural Labor Markets

**University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.**  
\$49,600 | Conference: Implications of TTIP and TTP for GM/Non-GM Coexistence

**Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.**  
\$499,709 | The Role of International Trade In Adapting U.S. Agriculture to Increased Global Climate Variability

**Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa**  
\$245,131 | Imperfect Competition in the Agrochemical and Seed Industries: Innovation, Pricing of Inputs and Welfare in the U.S. Maize and Soybean Markets

**Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.**  
\$500,000 | Causes and Consequences of the Unfunded Mandate Following Differences in Voting and Buying Behavior

**Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio**  
\$494,547 | Contemporary Organic Policy: Implications for Food and Ingredient Markets and Trade

**Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.**  
\$485,414 | Using Consumer Tracking Survey to Understand and Forecast Changes in Consumer Demand for Disaggregated Meat Products

**University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.**  
\$379,234 | Pricing, Competition, and Concentration in the U.S. Farm Input Sector

**University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.**  
\$149,858 | Overcoming Honey Bee Pollination Market Information Deficiencies in the Intermountain West and Pacific Coast

## AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES - ENVIRONMENT

**University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn.**  
\$500,000 | Water Supply Capacity Credits Within a Hydrologic Basin: Sustaining Ecosystem Services and Revenues from Underdeveloped Forests and Farms

**Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.**  
\$500,000 | Will Global Change Jeopardize the U.S. Forest Carbon Sink?

**Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.**  
\$499,976 | Effects of Energy and Commodity Prices on Crop Patterns and the Ogallala Aquifer under Alternative Policy Scenarios

**University of Nevada, Reno, Nev.**  
\$498,393 | Rural to Urban Water Transfers, Climate Change, the Future of Rural Agricultural Economies in Semi-Arid West: A Comparative Regional Analysis

**University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I.**  
\$463,096 | Community-Level Incentives to Support Farm, Forest, and Open Space Land Conservation in the Rural-Urban Fringe

**University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I.**  
\$47,882 | AFRI Water Quality Economics Workshop

**Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.**  
\$313,557 | Adaptive Matching Estimators for Property Valuation with Application to Urban Stream Restoration