

Increasing Investment in Rural America

This week, the White House Rural Council will host the inaugural Rural Opportunity Investment Conference (ROI) to promote potential investment opportunities that exist throughout rural America. Top leaders from the business community and financial institutions, senior government officials, rural economic development experts and others from across the country, will come together to discuss ways to develop partnerships that create jobs, grow small businesses, and invest in critical rural infrastructure.

In conjunction with this event, the White House Rural Council is announcing a \$10 billion dollar investment fund to promote rural economic development. This fund will continue to grow the rural economy by increasing access to capital for rural infrastructure projects and speeding up the process of rural infrastructure improvements. The fund is immediately open for business and more investors can now add to the initial \$10 billion in available capital.

The ROI conference and the new investment fund are part of the Obama Administration's ongoing efforts to promote investment in rural America, strengthen the nation's infrastructure, and grow the U.S. economy. Since the creation of the White House Rural Council in 2011, the President has made historic investments in rural America designed to drive job growth, invest in rural education, provide emergency services, and address health disparities.

Public-Partnerships at Work

- **Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund.** The U.S. Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund represents a new approach to catalyzing private investment in infrastructure projects in rural America. CoBank, a national cooperative bank serving rural America and a member of the Farm Credit System, is the fund's anchor investor, committing \$10 billion to get the fund off the ground. Capitol Peak Asset Management will manage the new fund and work to recruit more investors to add to CoBank's initial commitment. The Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund will allow America's rural economy to continue its forward momentum by enhancing access to capital for rural infrastructure projects and speeding up the process of rural infrastructure improvements. The fund is immediately open for business and more investors can now add to the initial \$10 billion in available capital. The new fund will allow a wide variety of new participants, including pension funds, endowments, foundations, and other institutional investors that have not traditionally had access to these markets to invest in rural development. In some cases, projects may be funded entirely through private sector dollars. In others, private dollars may be leveraged with and extend critical government loan and grant programs. USDA and other agencies will help to identify rural projects in need of financing through the new fund and through other such private sources and public-private partnerships. Target investments will include rural community facilities (especially health care and educational facilities), rural water and wastewater systems, rural energy projects, rural broadband expansion efforts, local and regional food systems, and other rural infrastructure.
- **Over \$150 Million Investment Funds to Grow Small Businesses, Create Jobs in Rural America.** Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the

creation of an investment fund earlier this year that will help propel the growth of small businesses across rural America. The new rural equity fund will facilitate private equity investments in agriculture-related businesses. Advantage Capital Agribusiness Partners, which will manage the new fund, and nine Farm Credit institution partners, have pledged to invest over \$150 million into the new effort. USDA programs have historically provided loans or loan guarantees to help rural businesses grow, but before the creation of the Rural Business Investment Program, many small cutting-edge businesses did not have the opportunity to obtain equity support. With the creation and implementation of this new program, USDA is pleased to announce this first of multiple rural equity funds. USDA is currently accepting applications for additional new rural equity funds.

- **\$9.9 Million to Improve Health Care Quality and Address Rural Health Disparities.** The Department of Health and Human Services continues its efforts as part of the President's Improving Rural Health Care Initiative with \$5.5 million to the Delta State Rural Development Network Grant program and \$4.3 million for the Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement grant program. The Delta Network program invests in each of the eight States of the Delta region to address long-standing health care disparities. The Small Health Care Provider Quality program supports 29 grants that help rural health clinics, community health centers and small rural hospitals improve health care outcomes for rural residents with chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and obesity.
- **Supporting Small, Rural Businesses.** Small businesses create about two out of every three jobs in the U.S. each year, and roughly half of working Americans either own or work for a small business. Small businesses are particularly crucial to the rural economy.
 - **Rural Entrepreneurship Initiative.** The American Farm Bureau Federation and Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business Global Social Enterprise Initiative are collaborating on a multi-year partnership providing tools and solutions to help strengthen rural America. In the partnership's inaugural year, the focus will be on building greater economic security by launching a Rural Entrepreneurship Initiative together with Startup Hoyas, Georgetown's Entrepreneurship Initiative. Several opportunities will be announced for people interested in rural issues across the U.S. to actively engage with Farm Bureau and the Rural Entrepreneurship Initiative, including an online educational series, the first of its kind rural entrepreneurship challenge and a national summit scheduled for October 14th at Georgetown University. The White House Rural Council will partner with Farm Bureau and Global Social Enterprise Initiative to plan the national summit at Georgetown University.
 - **Made in Rural America.** Earlier this year, the President [directed](#) the White House Rural Council to bring together federal resources to help rural businesses and leaders take advantage of new investment opportunities and access new customers and markets abroad. Department of Commerce Secretary Pritzker, Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack, Small Business Administration Administrator Contreras-Sweet, US Trade Representative Froman, and Export-Import Bank Chairman Hochberg are leading forums in rural America this summer to highlight opportunities for rural manufactures, value added

producers, and service providers to grow their businesses by expanding to international markets. The partnership will also host a “Made in Native America” forum this fall to help Native-owned businesses access export opportunities.

- **Expanding Partnerships.** The Administration recognizes that effective partnerships have a catalytic impact on achieving the Administration priorities, such as increasing opportunity and economic growth in rural America. Good ideas generated by the ROI Conference will be carried forward by the following partnership networks.
 - **Regional Conservation Partnership Program.** The newly stood up Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) takes an innovative approach to furthering conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of soil, water, and wildlife on a regional scale. The program enables partners, using a competitive process, to propose conservation projects that will leverage federal dollars with non-profit, producer, and non-traditional investors in areas of the country with critical conservation needs. The RCP will invest more than \$1.2 billion in natural resource conservation with a goal of doubling that effort through partnership contributions over the next five years.
 - **Georgetown University Law Center's Public Private Partnership Symposium.** In conjunction with the White House Rural Council's Rural Opportunity Investment Conference, the Georgetown University Law Center will introduce its inaugural Public Private Partnership Symposium. Over the coming year, the Georgetown Law will host three full-day sessions to advance the ideas and lessons discussed at the Rural Opportunity Investment Conference. By bringing together private sector leaders, government officials, and academic scholars, the symposium will broaden opportunities for partnering, provide a venue for sharing knowledge and best practices, and promote economic growth.
 - **The Build America Investment Initiative.** The Administration is committed to increasing public private partnerships and collaboration on U.S. infrastructure. Just last week, the President announced the new Build America Investment Initiative, which will use executive authorities to increase the flow of private capital into transportation, water, energy and other infrastructure sectors. The ROI conference will directly inform the ongoing work of the Build America Initiative, helping federal agencies to encourage more investment into rural communities and to key rural infrastructure sectors.
 - **The Rural Health Philanthropy Partnership.** This partnership between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Rural Health Policy, Grantmakers in Health and the National Rural Health Association includes more than 30 State and regional Foundations and Trusts that seek to improve health care in rural communities. In 2015, the Partnership is undertaking a Rural Funding Challenge with HHS dedicating \$5 million and seeking a matched effort from the philanthropic community.

White House Rural Council's Sustained Support for the Rural Economy

Today's announcements build on three years [of sustained work](#) by the White House Rural Council to expand opportunity in all corners of rural America. The Rural Council

has over twenty policy accomplishments supporting rural America in four priority areas: quality of life, innovation, economic opportunity, and conservation. These advancements will help ensure the development of a rural economy built to last. These actions include:

Increasing Capital Access for Rural Small Businesses

USDA and SBA committed to providing \$175 million in microloans to small businesses in rural areas for Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014, in addition to new business training and counseling opportunities. To date the two agencies have supported over \$85 million to rural small businesses.

Accelerating Broadband Infrastructure Deployment

On June 14, 2012 President Obama signed an Executive Order to make broadband construction along Federal roadways and properties up to 90 percent cheaper and more efficient. U.S. agencies that manage Federal properties and roads are partnering to offer carriers a single approach to leasing Federal assets for broadband deployment. Providing a uniform approach for broadband carriers to build networks is speeding the delivery of connectivity to communities, business, and schools in rural America. In order to further expand the nation's broadband service, more than 25 cities and 60 national research universities are partnering to form "US Ignite." US Ignite is creating a new wave of services that will extend programmable broadband networks to 100 times the speed of today's internet. To further leverage private-sector involvement, a three-day Application Summit was conducted this June at the headquarters of Juniper Networks in Silicon Valley. This session made numerous connections that will strengthen rural and urban communities through innovative broadband applications. In total, this partnership will improve services to Americans and drive job creation, promote innovation, and create new markets for American business.

U.S. Department of Education Investing in Rural Schools

Through the national broadband plan, the Obama Administration is leveraging the power of technology to overcome distance and increase collaboration to accelerate student achievement in rural schools. The White House Rural Council partnered with the U.S. Department of Education to deliver a new online community of practice groups for rural schools. This online tool is creating virtual communities of practice for educators to connect to resources, tools, colleagues, experts, and learned activities both within and beyond schools. As part of the push for broadband in public schools, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is investing \$2 billion over the next two years to dramatically expand high-speed Internet connectivity for America's schools and libraries — connecting 20 million more students to next-generation broadband and wireless. Private-sector companies have also committed more than \$2 billion to deliver cutting-edge technologies to classrooms. The Administration is using technology to break down geographic barriers and address rural isolation in education.

Local Food, Local Places

Recognizing the role local food systems can play in regional economic development, the Administration launched Local Food, Local Places in June, 2014. This effort, a partnership between the US Department of Agriculture, the US Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Delta Regional Commission, provides direct technical assistance to twenty communities integrating local food production into their civic planning process.

Small Business Administration Investing in Rural Small Businesses

The Administration extended more than \$400 million in FY 2011 of investments in rural America through the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) Impact Investment Program, at no cost to taxpayers. Nearly \$2 billion in additional funding will be invested by the end of fiscal year 2016. These investments will continue to help finance, grow, expand, and modernize rural small business operations around the country.

Promoting a Bioeconomy through BioPreferred

To support the Administration's "Blueprint for a Bioeconomy," the President is utilizing the purchasing power of the Federal government by directing Federal agencies to take additional steps to significantly increase the purchase of biobased products over the next two years, which will create thousands of new rural jobs and drive innovation where biobased products are grown and manufactured. Utilizing the existing BioPreferred program, the Federal government will use its procurement power to increase the purchasing and use of biobased products, promoting rural economic development, creating new jobs, and providing new markets for farm commodities. Biobased products include items like paints, soaps and detergents and are developed from plants, rather than chemicals or petroleum bases. The biobased products sector marries the two most important economic engines for rural America: agriculture and manufacturing.

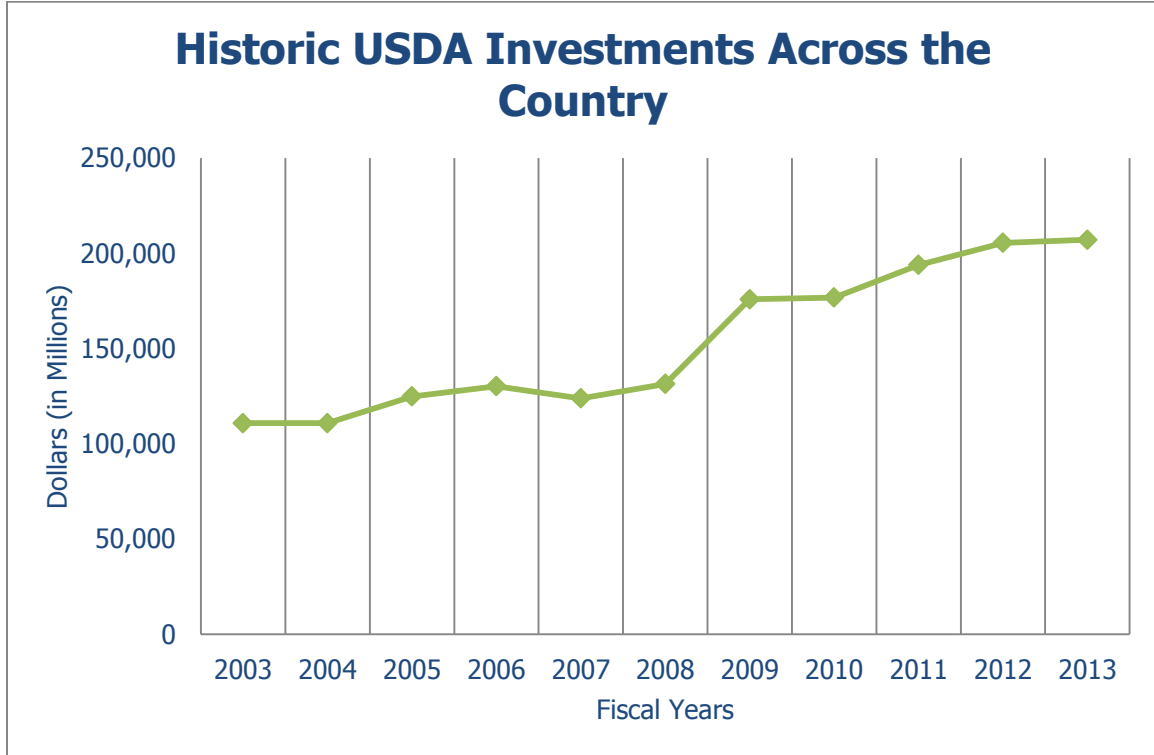
Rural Jobs Accelerator

The "Rural Jobs Accelerator" links Federal programs to facilitate job creation and economic development in rural communities by utilizing regional development strategies. The "Rural Jobs Accelerator" allows multiple agencies to coordinate technical assistance and grant/loan programs so that a consortium of public and private rural entities can have a single access point within the Federal government, creating improved access, streamlining of programs, and better leveraging of resources. USDA, EDA, Delta Regional Authority, and Appalachian Regional Commission have leveraged approximately \$9 million in funding, with additional technical support from various Federal agencies including Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Education.

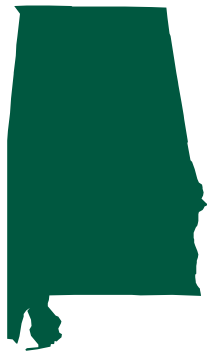
Commercial Aviation Biofuels Partnership

The Navy, the Department of Energy, and USDA have joined forces to spur the creation of an advanced biofuels industry that will support commercial aviation, with a pledge of \$510 million, over three years, under the Defense Production Act of 1950.

Unprecedented Investments in Rural America



The White House Rural Council is chaired by Secretary Vilsack, who in his role as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture has made unprecedented state-by-state investments in rural America. The U.S. Department of Agriculture works with thousands of farmers, ranchers and others living in rural communities every day and knows that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has made significant investments to support those in rural America who drive the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for American families. Secretary Vilsack invites the private sector to continue building innovative partnerships that drive investments, economic growth, and prosperity.



USDA INVESTS IN ALABAMA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$15 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Alabama to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Alabama families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$2.8 billion** support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Alabama.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Alabama farmers and ranchers by investing **\$1.8 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$401 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Alabama's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Alabama, USDA has invested more than **\$557 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$211 million** in Alabama to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

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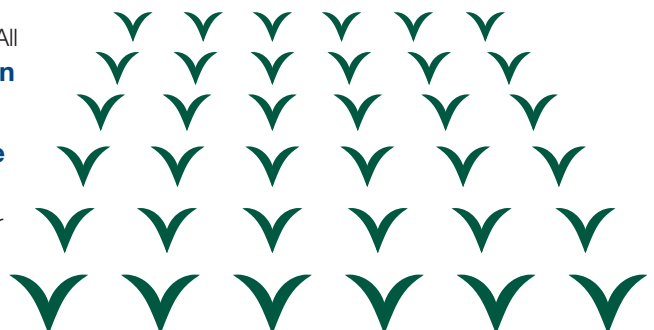
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$1.3 BILLION** to the Alabama economy.



ABOUT RURAL ALABAMA

USDA works each day to strengthen Alabama's agriculture. Rural Alabama is home to **43,233 farms** across **8.9 million acres**. Alabama's top agricultural products include chickens, cattle, eggs, cotton and peanuts. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$5.3 billion** to Alabama's economy in 2012.

Alabama agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with more than **80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN ALASKA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$3.5 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Alaska to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Alaskan families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$533 million** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Alaska.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Alaska farmers and ranchers by investing nearly **\$17 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$114 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Alaska's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Alaska, USDA has invested more than **\$794 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$46 million** in Alaska to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

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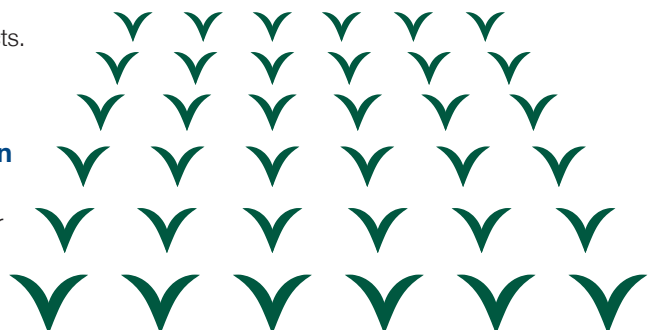
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed **\$12.2 BILLION** to the Alaskan economy.



ABOUT RURAL ALASKA

USDA works each day to strengthen Alaska's agriculture. Rural Alaska is home to **762 farms** across **833,861 acres**. Alaska's top agricultural products include nursery products, hay, potatoes, cattle and dairy products. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$30.9 million** to Alaska's economy in 2012.

Alaska agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN ARIZONA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$16 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Arizona to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Arizona families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$2.2 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Arizona.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Arizona's farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$591 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$227 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Arizona's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Arizona, USDA has invested more than **\$688 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$139 million** in Arizona to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

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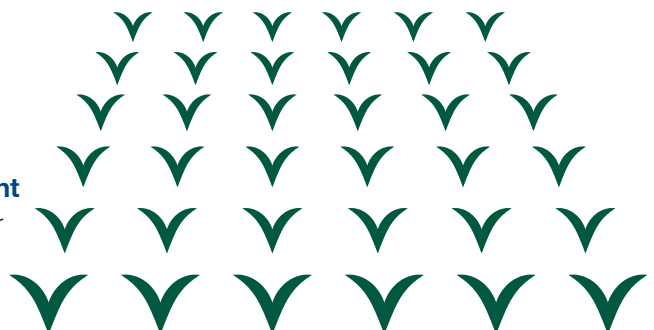
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$1.2 BILLION** to Arizona's economy.



ABOUT RURAL ARIZONA

USDA works each day to strengthen Arizona's agriculture. Rural Arizona is home to **20,005 farms and ranches** across **26.2 million acres**. Arizona's top agricultural products include cattle, dairy products, lettuce, cotton and hay. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$3.9 billion** to Arizona's economy in 2012.

Arizona agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN ARKANSAS

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$17 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Arkansas to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Arkansan families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$2.6 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Arkansas.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Arkansas' farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$5.6 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$675 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Arkansas' land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Arkansas, USDA has invested more than **\$1.9 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$234 million** in Arkansas to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

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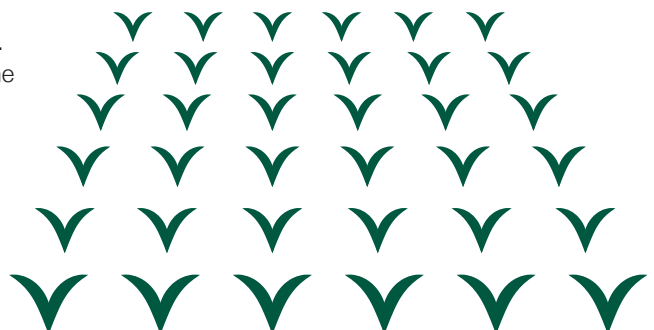
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$3.9 BILLION** to the Arkansas economy.



ARKANSAS ECONOMY IN 2012

USDA works each day to strengthen rural Arkansas. Rural Arkansas is home to **45,071 farms** across **13.8 million acres**. Arkansas' top agricultural products include chickens, soybeans, rice, cattle and cotton. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$9.4 billion** to the Arkansas economy in 2012.

Arkansas agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN CALIFORNIA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested nearly **\$72 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in California to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Arizona families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$5.1 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural California.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of California's farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$6.6 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$971 million** in efforts to conserve and protect California's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In California, USDA has invested more than **\$938 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$671 million** in California to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

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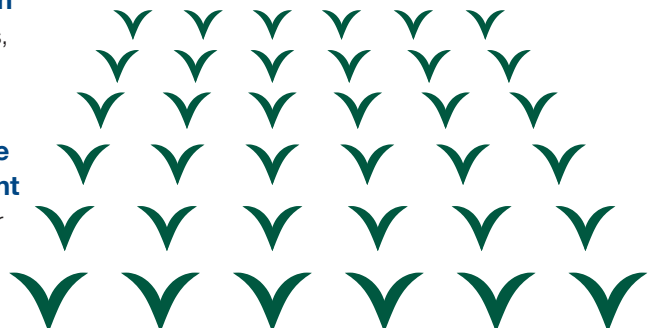
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$18.7 Billion** to California's economy.



ABOUT RURAL CALIFORNIA

USDA works each day to strengthen California's agriculture. Rural California is home to **77,857 farms and ranches** across **25.5 million** acres. California's top agricultural products include dairy products, grapes, almonds, nursery products and cattle. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$44.7 billion** to California's economy in 2012.

California agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN COLORADO

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$14 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Colorado to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Colorado families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$1.5 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Colorado.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Colorado's farmers and ranchers by investing nearly **\$3 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$850 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Colorado's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Colorado, USDA has invested nearly **\$1.3 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested nearly **\$179 million** in Colorado to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

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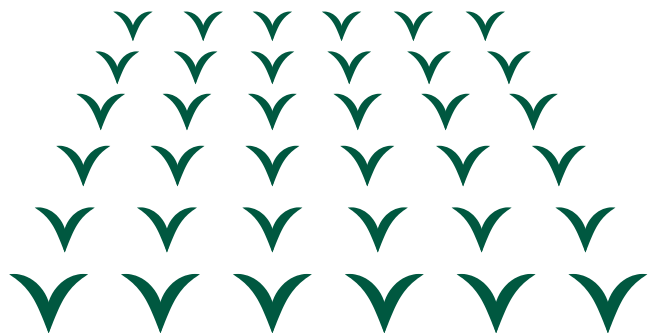
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$1.97 BILLION** to Colorado's economy.



ABOUT RURAL COLORADO

USDA works each day to strengthen Colorado's agriculture. Rural Colorado is home to **36,180 farms and ranches** across nearly **31.9 million acres**. Arizona's top agricultural products include cattle, corn, dairy products, wheat and hay. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$7.6 billion** to Colorado's economy in 2012.

Colorado agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials





USDA INVESTS IN CONNECTICUT



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$5 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Connecticut to support the farmers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Connecticut families.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$656 million** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Connecticut.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Connecticut farmers by investing more than **\$121 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$95 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Connecticut's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Connecticut, USDA has invested more than **\$193 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$47 million** in Connecticut to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

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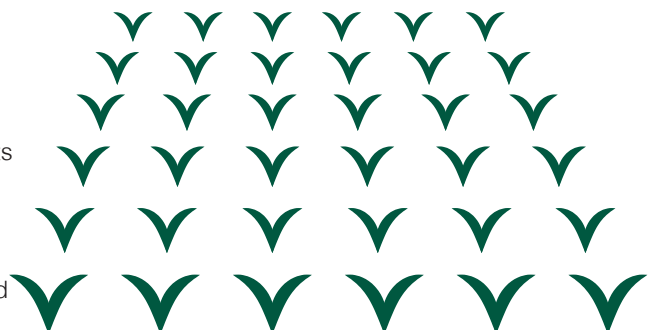
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$205 MILLION** to the Connecticut economy.



ABOUT RURAL CONNECTICUT

USDA works each day to strengthen Connecticut's agriculture. Rural Connecticut is home to **43,233 farms** across **8.9 million acres**. Connecticut's top agricultural products include chickens, cattle, eggs, cotton and peanuts. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$5.3 billion** to Connecticut's economy in 2012.

Connecticut agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN DELAWARE

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$2.6 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Delaware to support the farmers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Delaware families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$634 million** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Delaware.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Delaware farmers by investing more than **\$185 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$98 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Delaware's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Delaware, USDA has invested more than **\$171 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$71 million** in Delaware to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$302 MILLION** to the Delaware economy.



ABOUT RURAL DELAWARE

USDA works each day to strengthen Delaware's agriculture. Rural Delaware is home to **2,451 farms** across **508,652 acres**. Delaware's top agricultural products include chickens, corn, soybeans, wheat and nursery products. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$1.2 billion** to Delaware's economy in 2012.

Delaware agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN FLORIDA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$43.7 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Florida to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Floridian families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$5 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Florida.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Florida's farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$4.1 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested nearly **\$762 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Florida's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Florida, USDA has invested nearly **\$1 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$395 million** in Florida to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

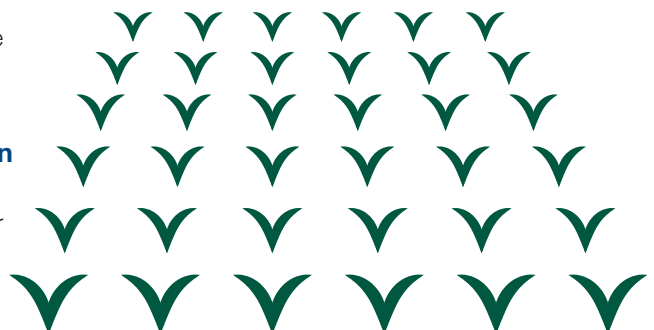
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$3.6 BILLION** to Florida's economy.



ABOUT RURAL FLORIDA

USDA works each day to strengthen Florida's agriculture. Rural Florida is home to **47,740 farms** across **9.5 million acres**. Florida's top agricultural products include nursery products, oranges, sugarcane, cattle and dairy products. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$8.2 billion** to Florida's economy in 2012.

Florida agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN GEORGIA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$32.6 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Georgia to support the farmers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Georgian families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$3.3 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Georgia.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Georgia farmers by investing more than **\$4.8 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$518 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Georgia's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Georgia, USDA has invested more than **\$3.2 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested nearly **\$431 million** in Georgia to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

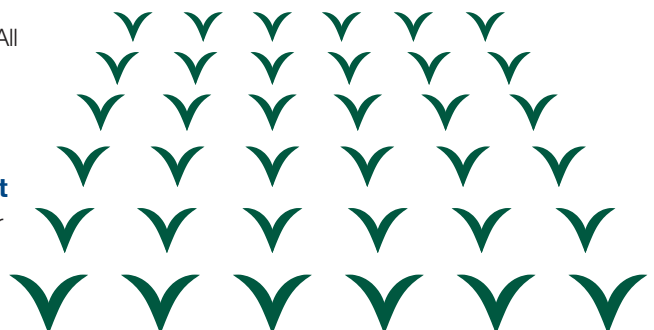
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$2.9 BILLION** to the Georgia economy.

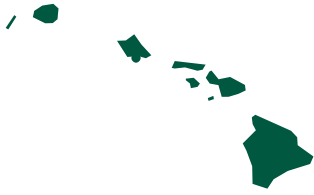


ABOUT RURAL GEORGIA

USDA works each day to strengthen Georgia's agriculture. Rural Georgia is home to **42,257 farms** across **9.6 million acres**. Georgia's top agricultural products include chickens, cotton, peanuts, eggs and cattle. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$9.8 billion** to Georgia's economy in 2012.

Georgia agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN HAWAII

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$4.8 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Hawaii to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Hawaiian families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$1.3 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Hawaii.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Hawaiian farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$127 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$124 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Hawaiian land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Hawaii, USDA has invested more than **\$376 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$123 million** in Hawaii to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

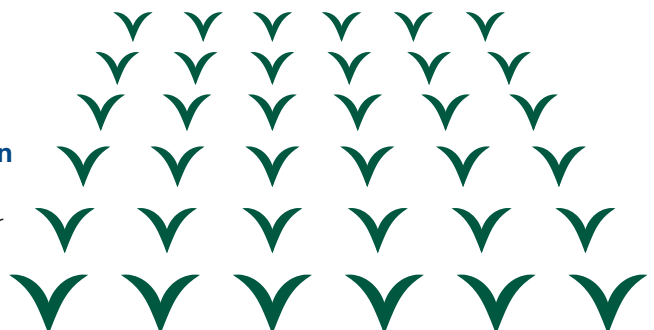
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$560 MILLION** to Hawaii's economy.



ABOUT RURAL HAWAII

USDA works each day to strengthen Hawaii's agriculture. Rural Hawaii is home to **7,000 farms** across **1.1 million acres**. Hawaii's top agricultural products include sugarcane, nursery products, cattle, macadamia nuts and coffee. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$729 million** to Hawaii's economy in 2012.

Hawaii agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN IDAHO

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **nearly \$9 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Idaho to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Idaho families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$1.5 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Idaho.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Idaho farmers and ranchers by investing nearly **\$2.6 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$473 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Idaho's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Idaho, USDA has invested more than **\$275 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$141 million** in Idaho to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

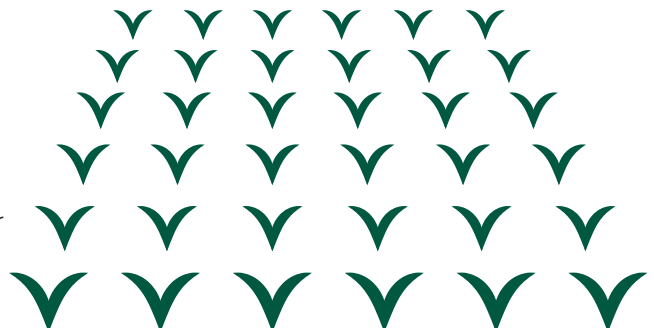
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$2.3 BILLION** to Idaho's economy.



ABOUT RURAL IDAHO

USDA works each day to strengthen Idaho's agriculture. Rural Idaho is home to **24,816 farms** across **11.7 million** acres. Idaho's top agricultural products include dairy products, cattle, potatoes, wheat and hay. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$7.6 billion** to Idaho's economy in 2012.

Idaho agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with more than **80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN ILLINOIS

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$34.6 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Illinois to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Illinois families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$2.8 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Illinois.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Illinois farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$9.5 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$1 billion** in efforts to conserve and protect Illinois' land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Illinois, USDA has invested more than **\$526 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$393 million** in Illinois to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

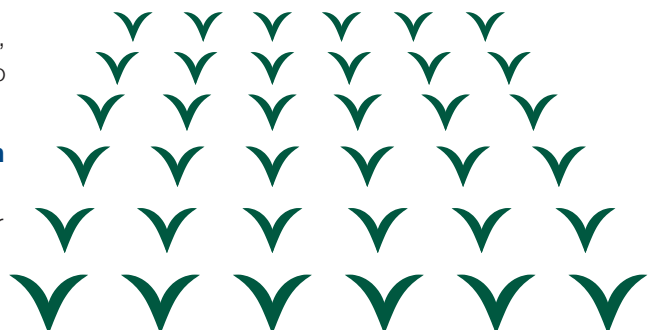
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$8.3 BILLION** to the Illinois economy.



ABOUT RURAL ILLINOIS

USDA works each day to strengthen Illinois agriculture. Rural Illinois is home to **75,087 farms** across **26.9 million acres**. Illinois' top agricultural products include corn, soybeans, hogs, cattle and dairy products. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$19.6 billion** to Illinois' economy in 2012.

Illinois agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN INDIANA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$19.8 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Indiana to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Indiana families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$3 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Indiana.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Indiana's farmers by investing more than **\$5.2 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$583 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Indiana's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Indiana, USDA has invested more than **\$1.2 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested nearly **\$178 million** in Indiana to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

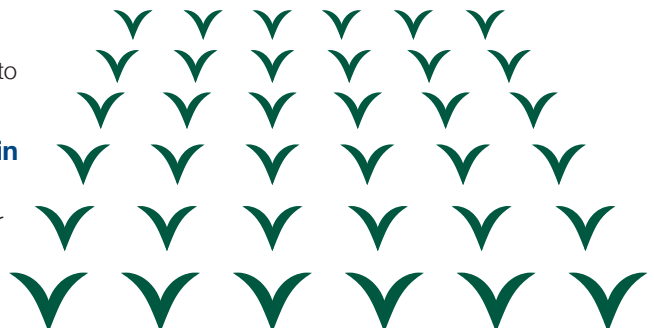
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$4.7 BILLION** to Indiana's economy.



ABOUT RURAL INDIANA

USDA works each day to strengthen Indiana agriculture. Rural Indiana is home to **58,695 farms** across **14.7 million acres**. Indiana's top agricultural products include corn, soybeans, hogs, dairy products and eggs. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$12 billion** to Indiana's economy in 2012.

Indiana agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN IOWA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$20 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Iowa to support the farmers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Iowan families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$1.8 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Iowa.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Iowa farmers by investing more than **\$10.3 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$1.7 billion** in efforts to conserve and protect Iowa's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Iowa, USDA has invested more than **\$978 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$464 million** in Iowa to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$11.3 BILLION** to the Iowa economy.



ABOUT RURAL IOWA

USDA works each day to strengthen Iowa agriculture. Rural Iowa is home to **88,637 farms** across **30.6 million acres**. Iowa's top agricultural products include corn, hogs, soybeans, cattle and eggs. All told, sales of farm products contributed nearly **\$32 billion** to Iowa's economy in 2012.

Iowa agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN KANSAS

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$15.6 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Kansas to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Kansas families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$1 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Kansas.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Kansas farmers by investing more than **\$8.2 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$1.1 billion** in efforts to conserve and protect Kansas' land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Kansas, USDA has invested more than **\$1 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$183 million** in Kansas to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

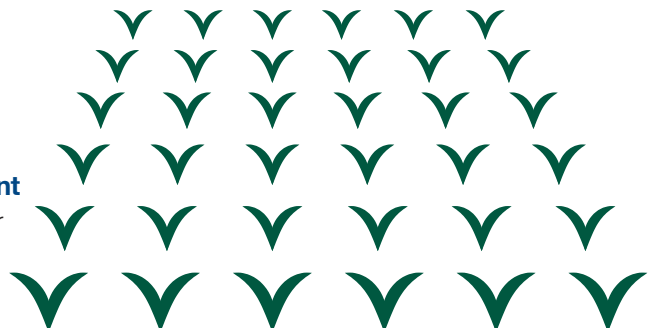
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$4.9 BILLION** to the Kansas economy.



ABOUT RURAL KANSAS

USDA works each day to strengthen Kansas agriculture. Rural Kansas is home to **61,733 farms** across **46.1 million acres**. Kansas' top agricultural products include cattle, wheat, corn, soybeans and hogs. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$16.2 billion** to the Kansas economy in 2012.

Kansas agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN KENTUCKY



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$17 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Kentucky to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Kentuckian families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$2.6 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Kentucky.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Kentucky farmers by investing more than **\$3 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$542 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Kentucky's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Kentucky, USDA has invested **\$1.7 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$193 million** in Kentucky to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

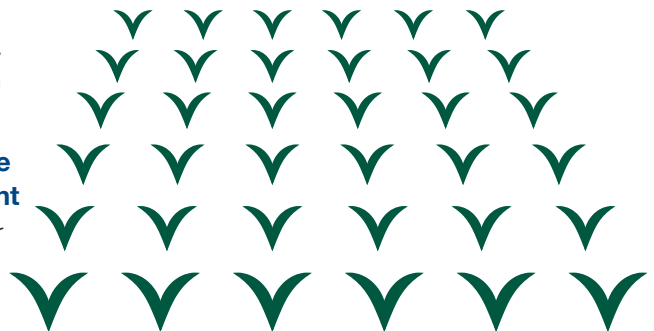
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$2.3 BILLION** to Kentucky's economy.



ABOUT RURAL KENTUCKY

USDA works each day to strengthen Kentucky agriculture. Rural Kentucky is home to **77,064 farms** across **13 million acres**. Kentucky's top agricultural products include chickens, corn, horses, soybeans and cattle. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$5.3 billion** to Kentucky's economy in 2012.

Kentucky agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN LOUISIANA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$22 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Louisiana to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Louisiana families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$4.7 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Louisiana.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Louisiana farmers and ranchers by investing **\$2.8 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a **strong farm safety net**, and **promote new markets** for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$579 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Louisiana land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Louisiana, USDA has invested more than **\$673 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$322 million** in Louisiana to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

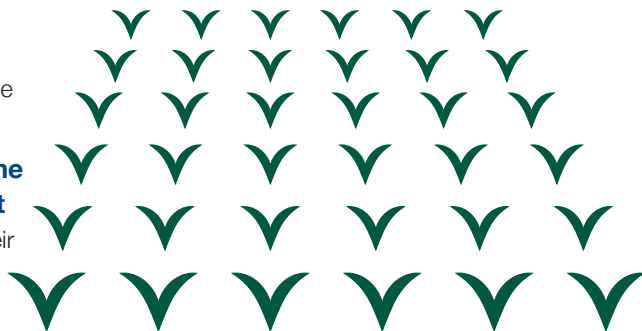
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$2.3 BILLION** to the Louisiana economy.



ABOUT RURAL LOUISIANA

USDA works each day to strengthen rural Louisiana. Rural Louisiana is home to **28,093 farms** across **7.9 million acres**. Louisiana's top agricultural products include soybeans, sugarcane, corn, rice and cattle. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$4.1 billion** to the Louisiana economy in 2012.

Louisiana agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with more than **80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN MAINE

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **\$4.7 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Maine to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Maine families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$1.8 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Maine.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Maine's farmers by investing more than **\$221 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$132 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Maine's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Maine, USDA has invested **\$197 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$59 million** in Maine to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

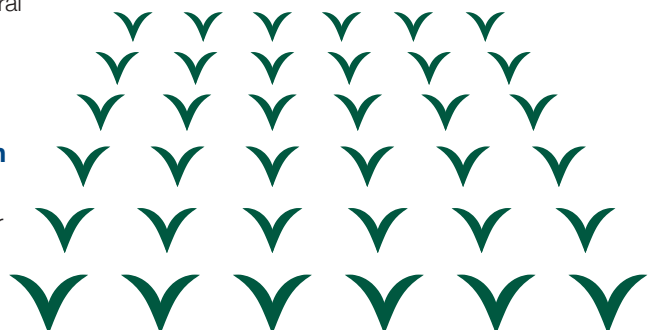
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$208 MILLION** to the Maine economy.



ABOUT RURAL MAINE

USDA works each day to strengthen Maine's agriculture. Rural Maine is home to **8,173 farms** across **1.4 million acres**. Maine's top agricultural products include potatoes, dairy products, aquaculture, blueberries and eggs. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$703 million** to Maine's economy in 2012.

Maine agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.



USDA INVESTS IN MARYLAND



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$13 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Maryland to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Maryland families.

\$ INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$2 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Maryland.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Maryland farmers by investing more than **\$534 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested nearly **\$257 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Maryland's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Maryland, USDA has invested more than **\$378 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$880 million** in Maryland to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$757 MILLION** to the Maryland economy.



ABOUT RURAL MARYLAND

USDA works each day to strengthen Maryland agriculture. Rural Maryland is home to **12,256 farms** across more than **2 million acres**. Maryland's top agricultural products include chickens, nursery products, corn, soybeans and dairy products. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$2.3 billion** to Maryland's economy in 2012.

Maryland agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN MASSACHUSETTS



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$10.2 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Massachusetts to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Massachusetts families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$1 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Massachusetts.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Massachusetts farmers by investing more than **\$161 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$142 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Massachusetts' land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Massachusetts, USDA has invested more than **\$175 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$149 million** in Massachusetts to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$211 MILLION** to the Massachusetts economy.



ABOUT RURAL MASSACHUSETTS

USDA works each day to strengthen Massachusetts agriculture. Rural Massachusetts is home to **7,755 farms** across **523,517 acres**. Massachusetts' top agricultural products include nursery products, cranberries, dairy products, apples and aquaculture. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$510 million** to Massachusetts' economy in 2012.

Massachusetts agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.

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USDA INVESTS IN MICHIGAN

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **\$27.9 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Michigan to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Michigan families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$4.1 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Michigan.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Michigan's farmers by investing more than **\$3.3 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$416 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Michigan's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Michigan, USDA has invested more than **\$902 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$213 million** in Michigan to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

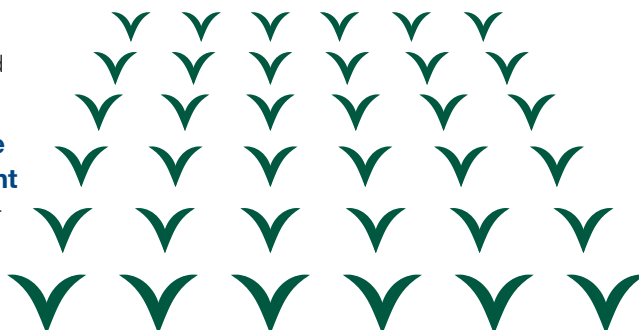
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$3.2 BILLION** to Michigan's economy.



ABOUT RURAL MICHIGAN

USDA works each day to strengthen Michigan agriculture. Rural Michigan is home to **52,194 farms** across **9.9 million acres**. Michigan's top agricultural products include corn, dairy products, soybeans, nursery products and cattle. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$8.3 billion** to Michigan's economy in 2012.

Michigan agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN MINNESOTA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **nearly \$21.4 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Minnesota to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Minnesota families.

\$ INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$2.6 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Minnesota.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Minnesota farmers by investing nearly **\$8.7 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$1.1 billion** in efforts to conserve and protect Minnesota's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Minnesota, USDA has invested more than **\$1.4 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$220 million** in Minnesota to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

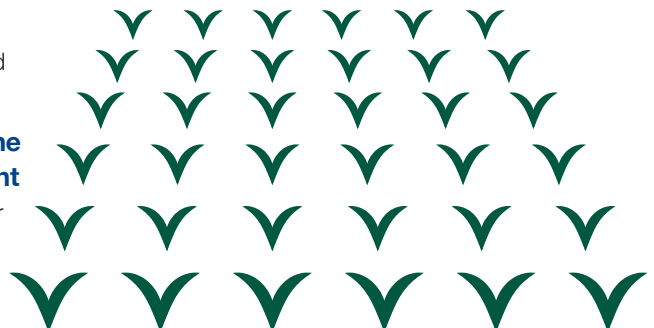
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$8.2 BILLION** to Minnesota's economy.



ABOUT RURAL MINNESOTA

USDA works each day to strengthen Minnesota agriculture. Rural Minnesota is home to **74,542 farms** across **26 million acres**. Minnesota's top agricultural products include corn, soybeans, hogs, dairy products and cattle. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$20.6 billion** to Minnesota's economy in 2012.

Minnesota agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN MISSISSIPPI

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$17.3 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Mississippi to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Mississippi families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$2.4 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Mississippi.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Mississippi farmers by investing more than **\$5.1 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$703 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Mississippi's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Mississippi, USDA has invested more than **\$1.7 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$497 million** in Mississippi to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

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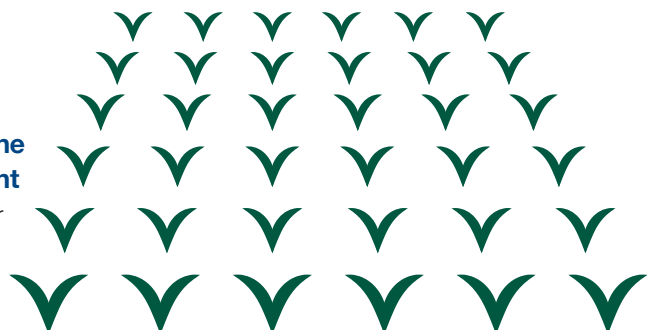
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$2.3 BILLION** to Mississippi's economy.



ABOUT RURAL MISSISSIPPI

USDA works each day to strengthen Mississippi agriculture. Rural Mississippi is home to **38,076 farms** across **10.9 million acres**. Mississippi's top agricultural products include chickens, soybeans, corn, cotton and cattle. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$6.2 billion** to Mississippi's economy in 2012.

Mississippi agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN MISSOURI

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **\$23.5 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Missouri to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Missouri families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$3.3 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Missouri.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Missouri farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$5.3 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$1.2 billion** in efforts to conserve and protect Missouri's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Missouri, USDA has invested more than **\$2.2 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$238 million** in Missouri to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

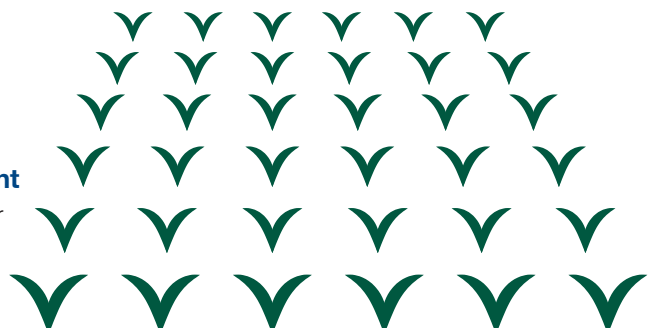
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$3.9 BILLION** to the Missouri economy.



ABOUT RURAL MISSOURI

USDA works each day to strengthen Missouri agriculture. Rural Missouri is home to **99,171 farms** across **28.2 million acres**. Missouri's top agricultural products include soybeans, corn, cattle, hogs and turkeys. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$9.9 billion** to Missouri's economy in 2012.

Missouri agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.



USDA INVESTS IN MONTANA



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$8.4 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Montana to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Montana families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$1.2 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Montana.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Montana farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$2.3 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$958 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Montana's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Montana, USDA has invested more than **\$601 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested nearly **\$116 million** in Montana to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

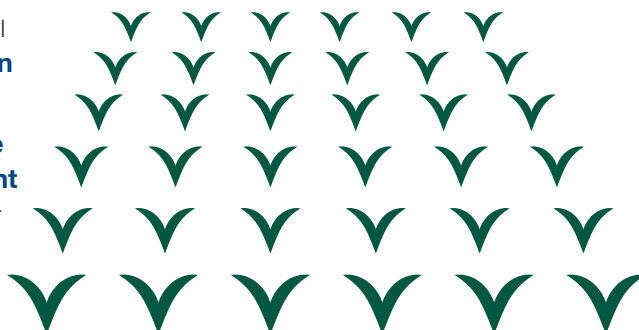
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$1.4 BILLION** to Montana's economy.



ABOUT RURAL MONTANA

USDA works each day to strengthen Montana agriculture. Rural Montana is home to **28,008 farms** across **59.7 million acres**. Montana's top agricultural products include wheat, cattle, hay, barley and sugar beets. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$3.7 billion** to Montana's economy in 2012.

Montana agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.



USDA INVESTS IN NEBRASKA



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **nearly \$11.4 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Nebraska to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Nebraskan families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$809 million** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Nebraska.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Nebraska farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$6.5 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$981 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Nebraska's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Nebraska, USDA has invested more than **\$447 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$240 million** in Nebraska to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$7.2 BILLION** to the Nebraska economy.



ABOUT RURAL NEBRASKA

USDA works each day to strengthen Nebraska agriculture. Rural Nebraska is home to **49,969 farms** across **45.3 million acres**. Nebraska's top agricultural products include cattle, corn, soybeans, hogs and wheat. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$24.4 billion** to Nebraska's economy in 2012.

Nebraska agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN NEVADA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$4.5 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Nevada to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Nevada families.

\$ INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$744 million** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Nevada.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Nevada farmers and ranchers by investing nearly **\$112 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$118 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Nevada's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Nevada, USDA has invested more than **\$72.6 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$33 million** in Nevada to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

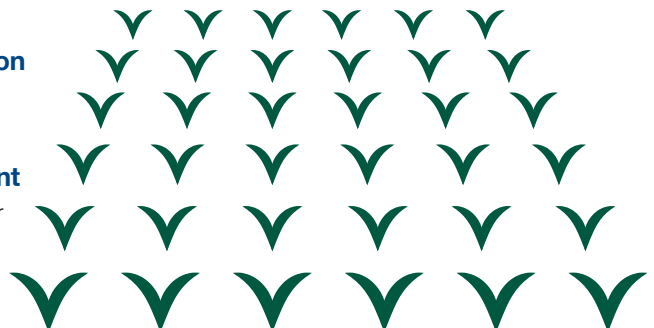
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$160 MILLION** to Nevada's economy.

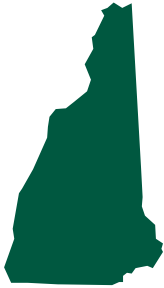


ABOUT RURAL NEVADA

USDA works each day to strengthen Nevada agriculture. Rural Nevada is home to **4,137 farms** across **5.9 million acres**. Nevada's top agricultural products include cattle, hay, dairy products, potatoes and wheat. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$717 million** to Nevada's economy in 2012.

Nevada agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$2.5 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in New Hampshire to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for New Hampshire families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$958 million** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural New Hampshire.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of New Hampshire farmers by investing more than **\$68 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested nearly **\$123 million** in efforts to conserve and protect New Hampshire's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In New Hampshire, USDA has invested nearly **\$110 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$36 million** in New Hampshire to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$59 MILLION** to New Hampshire's economy.



ABOUT RURAL NEW HAMPSHIRE

USDA works each day to strengthen New Hampshire agriculture. Rural New Hampshire is home to **4,391 farms** across **474,065 acres**. New Hampshire's top agricultural products include dairy products, nursery products, cattle, apples and hay. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$184 million** to New Hampshire's economy in 2012.

New Hampshire agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN NEW JERSEY

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$10.7 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in New Jersey to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for New Jersey families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$1.1 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural New Jersey.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of New Jersey farmers by investing more than **\$188 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$119 million** in efforts to conserve and protect New Jersey's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In New Jersey, USDA has invested nearly **\$109 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$92 million** in New Jersey to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$476 MILLION** to New Jersey's economy.



ABOUT RURAL NEW JERSEY

USDA works each day to strengthen New Jersey agriculture. Rural New Jersey is home to **9,071 farms** across **715,057 acres**. New Jersey's top agricultural products include nursery products, blueberries, corn, soybeans and peaches. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$1.1 billion** to New Jersey's economy in 2012.

New Jersey agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN NEW MEXICO

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$8.1 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in New Mexico to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for New Mexico families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$511 million** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural New Mexico.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of New Mexico's farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$623 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$375 million** in efforts to conserve and protect New Mexico's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In New Mexico, USDA has invested more than **\$682 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$76 million** in New Mexico to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$884 MILLION** to the New Mexico economy.



ABOUT RURAL NEW MEXICO

USDA works each day to strengthen New Mexico agriculture. Rural New Mexico is home to **24,721 farms** across **43.2 million acres**. New Mexico's top agricultural products include cattle, dairy products, hay, pecans, and chile peppers. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$4 billion** to New Mexico's economy in 2012.

New Mexico agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN NEW YORK



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **nearly \$39.4 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in New York to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for New York families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$1.6 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural New York.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of New York farmers by investing nearly **\$1.2 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$310 million** in efforts to conserve and protect New York's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In New York, USDA has invested more than **\$369 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested nearly **\$308 million** in New York to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$1.3 BILLION** to New York's economy.



ABOUT RURAL NEW YORK

USDA works each day to strengthen New York agriculture. Rural New York is home to **35,537 farms** across **7.2 million acres**. New York's top agricultural products include dairy products, corn, nursery products, cattle and apples. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$5.3 billion** to New York's economy in 2012.

New York agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **nearly \$30 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in North Carolina to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for North Carolina families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$6 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural North Carolina.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of North Carolina's farmers and ranchers by investing nearly **\$5 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested **\$303 million** in efforts to conserve and protect North Carolina's **land, water** and **air** resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In North Carolina, USDA has invested nearly **\$2 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$295 million** in North Carolina to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed **\$3.9 BILLION** to North Carolina's economy.



ABOUT RURAL NORTH CAROLINA

USDA works each day to strengthen rural North Carolina. Rural North Carolina is home to **50,218 farms** across **8.4 million acres**. North Carolina's top agricultural products include chickens, hogs, turkeys, tobacco and nursery products. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$11.7 billion** to the North Carolina economy in 2012.

North Carolina's agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.



USDA INVESTS IN NORTH DAKOTA



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **nearly \$12.8 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in North Dakota to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for North Dakota families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$470 million** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural North Dakota.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of North Dakota farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$7 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$1.1 billion** in efforts to conserve and protect North Dakota's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In North Dakota, USDA has invested more than **\$2.8 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$209 million** in North Dakota to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$4.1 BILLION** to North Dakota's economy.



ABOUT RURAL NORTH DAKOTA

USDA works each day to strengthen North Dakota agriculture. Rural North Dakota is home to **30,961 farms** across **39.2 million acres**. North Dakota's top agricultural products include wheat, soybeans, corn, cattle and sugar beets. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$8.6 billion** to North Dakota's economy in 2012.

North Dakota agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN OHIO

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **nearly \$27 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Ohio to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Ohio families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$3 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Ohio.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Ohio farmers by investing nearly **\$4 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$624 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Ohio's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Ohio, USDA has invested more than **\$652 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$201 million** in Ohio to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$4.1 Billion** to Ohio's economy.



ABOUT RURAL OHIO

USDA works each day to strengthen Ohio agriculture. Rural Ohio is home to **75,462 farms** across nearly **14 million acres**. Ohio's top agricultural products include soybeans, corn, dairy products, hogs and cattle. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$10 billion** to Ohio's economy in 2012.

Ohio agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN OKLAHOMA



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$15.3 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Oklahoma to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Oklahoma families.

\$ INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$2 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Oklahoma.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Oklahoma farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$4.1 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$684 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Oklahoma's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Oklahoma, USDA has invested more than **\$1 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$176 million** in Oklahoma to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

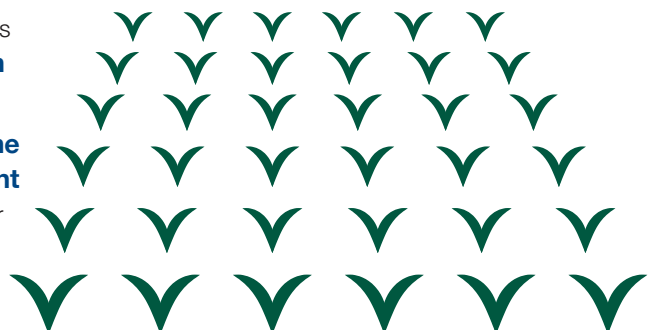
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$1.8 BILLION** to Oklahoma's economy.



ABOUT RURAL OKLAHOMA

USDA works each day to strengthen Oklahoma agriculture. Rural Oklahoma is home to **80,245 farms and ranches** across **34.3 million acres**. Oklahoma's top agricultural products include cattle, hogs, wheat, chickens and hay. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$7 billion** to Oklahoma's economy in 2012.

Oklahoma agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN OREGON

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$15.7 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Oregon to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Oregon families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$2.7 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Oregon.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Oregon farmers by investing more than **\$1.3 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested nearly **\$579 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Oregon's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Oregon, USDA has invested more than **\$228 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$203 million** in Oregon to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

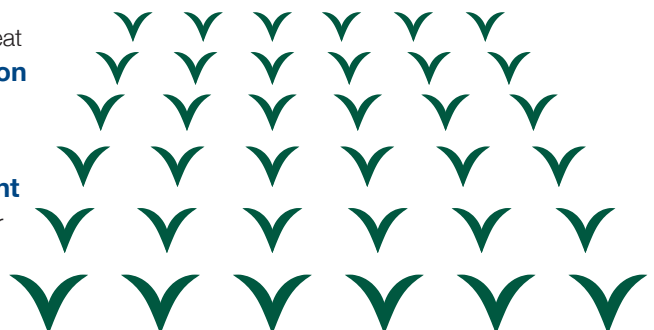
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$2 BILLION** to Oregon's economy.



ABOUT RURAL OREGON

USDA works each day to strengthen Oregon agriculture. Rural Oregon is home to **35,439 farms** across **16.3 million acres**. Oregon's top agricultural products include nursery products, cattle, dairy products, wheat and hay. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$4.8 billion** to Oregon's economy in 2012.

Oregon agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$24.1 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Pennsylvania to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Pennsylvania families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$3.4 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Pennsylvania.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Pennsylvania farmers by investing more than **\$1.1 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$508 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Pennsylvania's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Pennsylvania, USDA has invested more than **\$698 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$404 million** in Pennsylvania to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

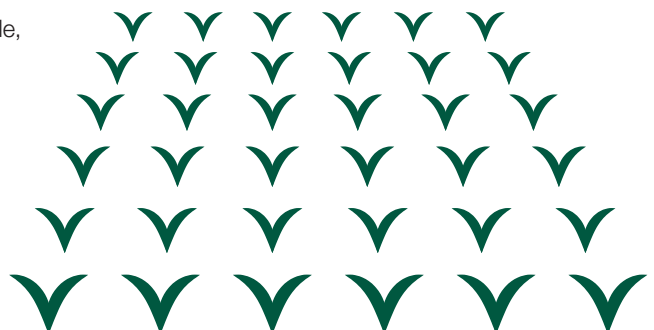
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$1.7 Billion** to Pennsylvania's economy.



ABOUT RURAL PENNSYLVANIA

USDA works each day to strengthen Pennsylvania agriculture. Rural Pennsylvania is home to **59,309 farms** across **7.7 million acres**. Pennsylvania's top agricultural products include dairy products, corn, cattle, eggs and chickens. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$6.8 billion** to Pennsylvania's economy in 2012.

Pennsylvania agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN RHODE ISLAND

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$2 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Rhode Island to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Rhode Island families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$183 million** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Rhode Island.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Rhode Island farmers by investing more than **\$20 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested nearly **\$80 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Rhode Island's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Rhode Island, USDA has invested more than **\$30.7 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$26.7 million** in Rhode Island to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$24 Million** to Rhode Island's economy.



ABOUT RURAL RHODE ISLAND

USDA works each day to strengthen Rhode Island agriculture. Rural Rhode Island is home to **1,243 farms** across **69,589 acres**. Rhode Island's top agricultural products include nursery products, dairy products, aquaculture, sweet corn and apples. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$62 million** to Rhode Island's economy in 2012.

Rhode Island agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$14.8 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in South Carolina to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for South Carolina families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$2.8 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural South Carolina.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of South Carolina farmers by investing more than **\$1.3 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$230 million** in efforts to conserve and protect South Carolina's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In South Carolina, USDA has invested more than **\$1.4 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$160 million** in South Carolina to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$948 MILLION** to South Carolina's economy.



ABOUT RURAL SOUTH CAROLINA

USDA works each day to strengthen South Carolina agriculture. Rural South Carolina is home to **25,266 farms** across nearly **5 million acres**. South Carolina's top agricultural products include chickens, turkeys, nursery products, cotton and corn. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$2.9 billion** to South Carolina's economy in 2012.

South Carolina agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN SOUTH DAKOTA



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$9.8 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in South Dakota to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for South Dakota families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$1 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural South Dakota.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of South Dakota farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$5.4 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested nearly **\$800 million** in efforts to conserve and protect South Dakota's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In South Dakota, USDA has invested more than **\$896 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested nearly **\$87 million** in South Dakota to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$3.6 BILLION** to South Dakota's economy.



ABOUT RURAL SOUTH DAKOTA

USDA works each day to strengthen South Dakota agriculture. Rural South Dakota is home to **31,989 farms** across nearly **43.2 million acres**. South Dakota's top agricultural products include corn, cattle, soybeans, wheat and hogs. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$10 billion** to South Dakota's economy in 2012.

South Dakota agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN TENNESSEE



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$20.6 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Tennessee to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Tennessee families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$3.5 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Tennessee.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Tennessee farmers by investing more than **\$2.5 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$430 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Tennessee's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Tennessee, USDA has invested nearly **\$760 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$172 million** in Tennessee to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$1.6 BILLION** to Tennessee's economy.



ABOUT RURAL TENNESSEE

USDA works each day to strengthen Tennessee agriculture. Rural Tennessee is home to **68,050 farms** across nearly **10.9 million acres**. Tennessee's top agricultural products include cattle, soybeans, corn, chickens and cotton. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$3.8 billion** to Tennessee's economy in 2012.

Tennessee agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN TEXAS

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$70.4 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Texas to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Texan families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$5.5 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Texas.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Texas farmers and ranchers by investing nearly **\$16 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farmland in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$1.6 billion** in efforts to conserve and protect Texas' land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Texas, USDA has invested more than **\$2.6 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$629 million** in Texas to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$4.6 BILLION** to the Texas economy.



ABOUT RURAL TEXAS

USDA works each day to strengthen Texas agriculture. Rural Texas is home to **248,809 farms and ranches** across **130.1 million acres**. Texas' top agricultural products include cattle, cotton, dairy products, chickens and nursery products. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$22.7 billion** to the Texas economy in 2012.

Texas agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.



USDA INVESTS IN UTAH

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **nearly \$7.3 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Utah to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Utah families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$2.2 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Utah.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Utah farmers by investing more than **\$431 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$367 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Utah's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Utah, USDA has invested more than **\$203 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$120 million** in Utah to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$469 MILLION** to Utah's economy.



ABOUT RURAL UTAH

USDA works each day to strengthen Utah agriculture. Rural Utah is home to **18,027 farms** across **10.9 million acres**. Utah's top agricultural products include cattle, dairy products, hay, hogs and nursery products. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed nearly **\$1.7 billion** to Utah's economy in 2012.

Utah agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN VERMONT

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$2.2 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Vermont to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Vermont families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$562 million** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Vermont.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Vermont farmers by investing more than **\$271 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$114 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Vermont's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Vermont, USDA has invested more than **\$151 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$54 million** in Vermont to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$137 MILLION** to Vermont's economy.



ABOUT RURAL VERMONT

USDA works each day to strengthen Vermont agriculture. Rural Vermont is home to **7,338 farms** across **1.2 million acres**. Vermont's top agricultural products include dairy products, cattle, maple syrup and associated products, nursery products and hay. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$699 million** to Vermont's economy in 2012.

Vermont agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN VIRGINIA

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$19.3 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Virginia to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Virginia families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$2.9 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Virginia.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Virginia farmers by investing more than **\$1.4 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$293 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Virginia's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Virginia, USDA has invested more than **\$3.3 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$162 million** in Virginia to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

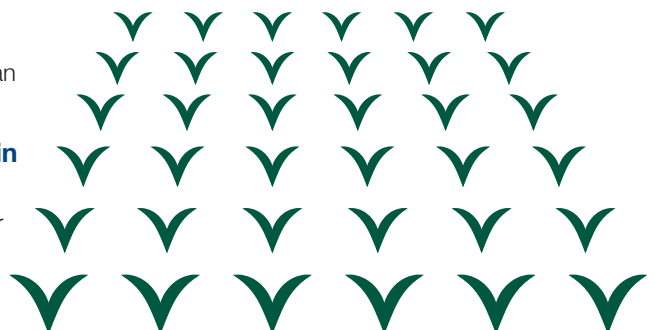
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$1.1 BILLION** to Virginia's economy.



ABOUT RURAL VIRGINIA

USDA works each day to strengthen Virginia agriculture. Rural Virginia is home to **46,030 farms** across **8.3 million acres**. Virginia's top agricultural products include chickens, cattle, dairy products, turkeys and soybeans. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$3.5 billion** to Virginia's economy in 2012.

Virginia agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN WASHINGTON



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$18.3 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Washington to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Washington families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$3.5 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Washington.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Washington farmers by investing more than **\$1.7 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$682 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Washington's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Washington, USDA has invested nearly **\$563 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$327 million** in Washington to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

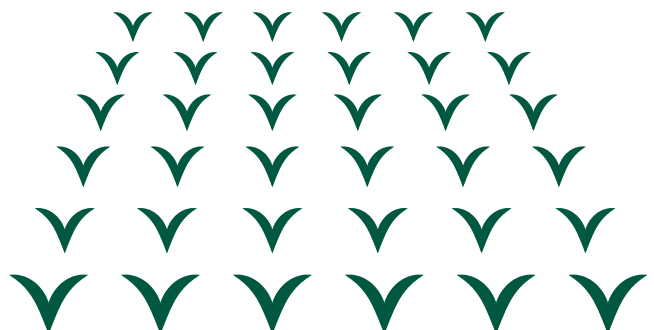
In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$3.4 BILLION** to Washington's economy.



ABOUT RURAL WASHINGTON

USDA works each day to strengthen Washington agriculture. Rural Washington is home to **37,249 farms** across **14.7 million acres**. Washington's top agricultural products include apples, dairy products, wheat, cattle and potatoes. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **nearly \$9.3 billion** to Washington's economy in 2012.

Washington agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN WEST VIRGINIA



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$5.8 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in West Virginia to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for West Virginia families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$1.3 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural West Virginia.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of West Virginia farmers by investing more than **\$175 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$218 million** in efforts to conserve and protect West Virginia's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In West Virginia, USDA has invested more than **\$408 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$182 million** in West Virginia to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$139 MILLION** to West Virginia's economy.



ABOUT RURAL WEST VIRGINIA

USDA works each day to strengthen West Virginia agriculture. Rural West Virginia is home to **21,489 farms** across **3.6 million acres**. West Virginia's top agricultural products include chickens, cattle, turkeys, eggs and dairy products. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$652 million** to West Virginia's economy in 2012.

West Virginia agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.



USDA INVESTS IN WISCONSIN



At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$16.6 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Wisconsin to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Wisconsin families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$2.7 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Wisconsin.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Wisconsin farmers by investing more than **\$4.1 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$582 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Wisconsin's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Wisconsin, USDA has invested more than **\$1 billion** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$247 million** in Wisconsin to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$3.3 BILLION** to Wisconsin's economy.



ABOUT RURAL WISCONSIN

USDA works each day to strengthen Wisconsin agriculture. Rural Wisconsin is home to **69,754 farms** across **14.6 million acres**. Wisconsin's top agricultural products include dairy products, corn, cattle, soybeans and potatoes. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$12.1 billion** to Wisconsin's economy in 2012.

Wisconsin agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.





USDA INVESTS IN WYOMING

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **more than \$3.3 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Wyoming to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Wyoming families.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$1.2 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Wyoming.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Wyoming farmers and ranchers by investing more than **\$386 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$333 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Wyoming's land, water and air resources.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Wyoming, USDA has invested nearly **\$324 million** in infrastructure development.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$48 million** in Wyoming to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$456 MILLION** to Wyoming's economy.



ABOUT RURAL WYOMING

USDA works each day to strengthen Wyoming agriculture. Rural Wyoming is home to **11,736 farms** across **30.3 million acres**. Wyoming's top agricultural products include cattle, hay, hogs, sugar beets and corn. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$1.6 billion** to Wyoming's economy in 2012.

Wyoming agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.

