

USDA GRANT ELIGIBILITY:

You qualify for this funding if you fall under one of these categories:

- Small and mid-sized farms, Small processors and fresh fruit/vegetable merchant wholesalers.
 - You make less than \$1,000,000 per year (based on last 3 years average)
 - AND/OR
 - You have less than 500 employees
- Beginning farmers
 - A farmer, rancher, or operator of non-industrial private forestland who is in the first ten (10) years of operation, or a person intending or aspiring to begin such an operation.
- Socially disadvantaged farmers
 - A farmer or rancher who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group (i.e., a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities)
 - The groups include African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan natives, Hispanics, and Asians or Pacific Islanders, including women.

