

## Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## USDA Invests \$4.7 Million to Provide Outreach and Technical Assistance to Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers

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1 Organization Identified to Assist Producers in Wisconsin

**MADISON, WI, October 21, 2021** — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced an investment of \$4.7 million to establish partnerships with organizations to provide outreach and technical assistance to historically underserved farmers and ranchers. The partnerships will support participation in Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs, including those that are part of USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative.?

Fifty-six project proposals, covering all states and territories, are being finalized to assist historically underserved farmers and ranchers in accessing FSA programs. Programs include outreach for pandemic assistance programs, including the signup re-opening of the <u>Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2</u> (CFAP 2). These proposals will also assist in outreach for FSA's farm programs, <u>conservation programs</u>, <u>farm loans</u>, <u>county committee elections</u>, <u>disaster programs</u>, the <u>Heirs' Property Relending Program</u>, heirs' property succession planning and the Agricultural Marketing Service's <u>Pandemic Response and Safety Grant program</u>.

"Of the 56 selected proposals, 1 will directly impact farmers and ranchers in Wisconsin," said Tyler Radke, Acting State Executive Director for FSA in Wisconsin. "This partnership will provide important technical assistance, outreach and education and will equip farmers and ranchers with the resources needed to access and participate in FSA's programs and services."

The organization and project impacting Wisconsin includes:

• Renewing the Countryside providing statewide support on Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) and other Pandemic Assistance Programs.

Read about all 56 funded projects and organizations on FSA's cooperative agreements webpage.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit?www.usda.gov.?

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