

Small Farm Program Resources, from the 2012 Agricultural Outlook Forum

The Small Farm Program of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) enhances the economic viability of all small farm and ranch enterprises and promotes research, extension, and education programs, primarily through partnerships with the Land-Grant University System and with other public and private sector organizations. The following resources (presented at the 2012 Agricultural Outlook Forum) provide important information to our stakeholders as well as a “one-stop-shop” for easy access to program and service information. These resources provide easy access to programs and services and compliment – not duplicate – any site where this information may already exist.

USDA Grants and Loans (please hyperlink the title, then remove this comment) provides grant and loan information from agencies within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)—NIFA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Agricultural Marketing Service, Rural Development, Farm Service Agency, Forest Service, and the Risk Management Agency.

Grants Resources: Interactive Grant-Writing on Wheels (please hyperlink the title, then remove this comment) provides information how to write a proposal for USDA grants. Topics include a glossary of grant-writing terms, funding opportunities, tip sheets on the characteristics of award-winning grants, and myths about grant writing.

Working with Small Farmers and Ranchers (please hyperlink the title, then remove this comment) this map shows the locations of community-based organizations that provide information and assistance to small farmers and ranchers.

USDA Agencies and Offices (please hyperlink the title, then remove this comment) provides a brief description and hyperlink to all of USDA’s agencies and offices.

Land-Grant Colleges and Universities (please hyperlink the title, then remove this comment) this map shows the locations of the nation’s land-grant colleges and universities. These institutions operate the Cooperative Extension System that provides information and assistance to small farmers and ranchers.

USDA Partnerships (please hyperlink the title, then remove this comment) this PowerPoint graphic shows USDA’s partnerships, from land-grant colleges and universities to other government agencies, to small farmers and ranchers and other underserved groups.