



# USDA Overview



## Second Annual Indigenous Farming Conference

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe



**When the USDA was created in 1862,  
President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed it  
"The People's Department"**

## **The USDA now has 17 agencies**

**Agricultural Marketing Service**

**Agricultural Research Service**

**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

**Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion**

**Food and Nutrition Service**

**Research, Education and Extension Service**

**Economic Research Service**

**Farm Service Agency**

**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

**Foreign Agricultural Service**

**Forest Service**

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

**National Agricultural Library**

**National Agricultural Statistic Service**

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Risk Management Agency**

**Rural Development**

# USDA leads the Federal anti-hunger effort with the Food Stamp, School Lunch, School Breakfast, and WIC Programs....



**is the steward of our nation's  
192 million acres of national  
forests and rangelands....**



**is the country's largest conservation agency, encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water, and wildlife on the 70 percent of America's lands that are in private hands...**



brings housing, modern telecommunications, and safe drinking water to rural America...



Project Title: City of Yale Elevated Water Storage Tank  
Sponsor/Developer: City of Yale  
Office or Sponsor Address: 111 W. Mechanic St., Yale, MI  
Architect or Engineer: Wade-Tim, Inc.  
601 N. Saginaw St., Flint, MI  
Contractor: CB&I Water  
1505 N. Division, Plainfield, IL  
USDA  
Rural Development project financed by:  
Rural Utilities Service - United States Department of Agriculture  
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**is responsible for the safety of  
meat, poultry, and egg products..**



**is a research leader in everything from human nutrition to new crop technologies that allow us to grow more food and fiber using less water and pesticides...**



**and helps ensure open markets  
for U.S. agricultural products  
and provides food aid to needy  
people overseas.**



# America's First Farmers







# American Indian Agriculture Today





# American Indian Agriculture: A Description from the 2002 Census of Agriculture

Number of Farms*	29,189	%1.4
Acreage	56,833,717	%6.1

*Indian farm – at least one operator is Indian/Alaska Native  
Farm – produce at least \$1,000 or agricultural products*

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

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## 2002 Census of Agriculture

### Volume 1 Geographic Area Series

Publication	Data Base	Special Reports
PDF, Text, or CSV	Query to HTML or CSV	
U.S. Summary & State Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <a href="#">National Level Data</a></li><li>● <a href="#">State Level Data</a></li></ul>	● US, State, County, & Puerto Rico (coming soon)	● Profiles by County (coming soon)
State & County Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <a href="#">State Level Data</a></li><li>● <a href="#">County Level Data</a></li></ul>		● <a href="#">Quick Facts</a>
● Puerto Rico <a href="#">Text</a>   <a href="#">PDF</a>   <a href="#">CSV</a>		● <a href="#">News Release</a>



**What kind of assistance can  
the USDA and Extension  
provide for you?**

# Technical Assistance



# Technical Assistance



# Marketing



# Innovation



# Conservation



# Financing



# Plant Materials Center



# Livestock & Aquaculture



# USDA – American Indian Initiatives

USDA has a variety of initiatives that are specifically targeted to meet the needs of Native American communities, including:



# Food & Nutrition Service

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, through its Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, provides monthly food packages to low-income families in approximately 240 Tribes.

USDA works with more than 30 Tribes to provide specific supplemental foods, nutrition counseling, and access to health services to low-income women, infants, and children with high nutritional risk under the WIC Program.

# APHIS

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) works with Tribes to control foreign diseases like exotic Newcastle disease, and domestic disease issues like rabies in feral dogs.

To help protect homeland security, APHIS works with Tribes to establish emergency response plans for agricultural protection.

# Food Safety & Inspection Service

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service works with Tribes to improve food safety practices in animal slaughter, and in meat processing for wholesale, retail, and home consumption.



# U.S. Forest Service

The Forest Service is working with Indian Tribes through government-to-government relationships to manage the resources entrusted to their care.

# USDA



*Farm Service Agency*

Targeted credit outreach programs in 35 States increase the number of agriculture lending options available to Tribal farmers and ranchers.



# Natural Resources Conservation Service

Soil and Water Conservation Districts on Tribal lands assist native communities in managing competing interests for environmental resources.



# Rural Development

Rural Development financial programs help Tribal communities with essential public facilities and services such as water and sewer systems, electric and telephone service, housing and health care, as well as economic development.



# National Agricultural Statistics Service

The NASS mission is to provide timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U. S. agriculture.

Each year, the employees of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conduct hundreds of surveys and prepare reports covering virtually every facet of U.S. agriculture -- production and supplies of food and fiber, prices paid and received by farmers, farm labor and wages, farm aspects of the industry.

# Accessing USDA Programs

## **USDA Service Centers**

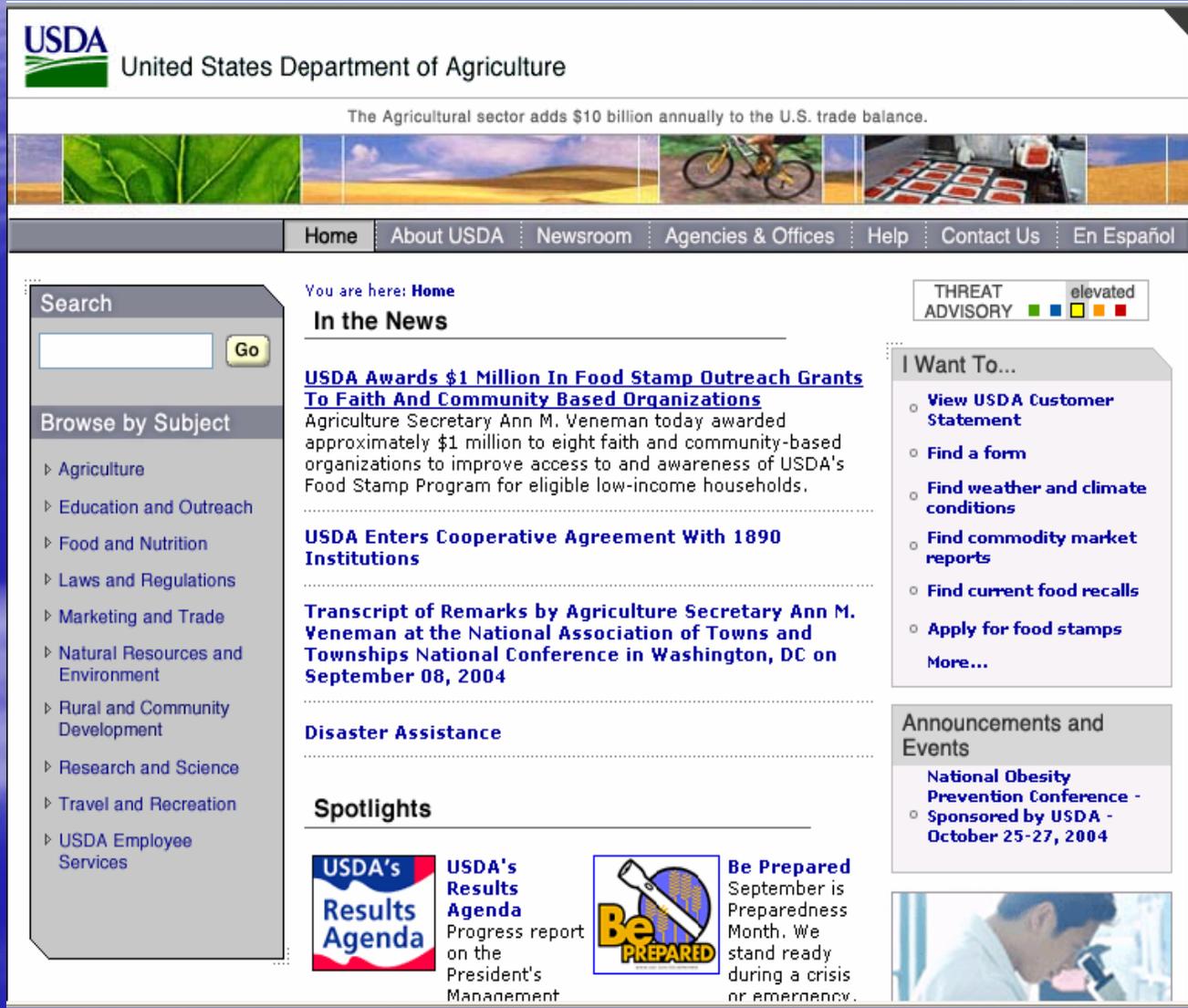
USDA Service Centers provide local access to programs offered by the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service and Rural Development.

There are 53 service centers throughout Michigan. Ten include Rural Development offices.

Any Service Center can direct you to the services of other USDA Agencies.

# Accessing USDA on the Web

[www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)



The screenshot shows the USDA website homepage. At the top left is the USDA logo and the text "United States Department of Agriculture". Below this is a banner with the text "The Agricultural sector adds \$10 billion annually to the U.S. trade balance." and a row of five small images: a green leaf, a yellow field, a person on a bicycle, a person in a red shirt, and a field of crops. A navigation bar contains links for Home, About USDA, Newsroom, Agencies & Offices, Help, Contact Us, and En Español. On the left is a search box and a "Browse by Subject" menu with categories like Agriculture, Education and Outreach, Food and Nutrition, Laws and Regulations, Marketing and Trade, Natural Resources and Environment, Rural and Community Development, Research and Science, Travel and Recreation, and USDA Employee Services. The main content area features a "You are here: Home" breadcrumb, a "In the News" section with three news items, a "Disaster Assistance" section, and a "Spotlights" section with three items: "USDA's Results Agenda", "Be Prepared", and "National Obesity Prevention Conference". On the right, there is a "THREAT ADVISORY" indicator, an "I Want To..." section with links to view statements, find forms, weather conditions, market reports, food recalls, and apply for food stamps, and an "Announcements and Events" section with a link to the National Obesity Prevention Conference. A small image of a person looking through a microscope is at the bottom right.

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### In the News

**[USDA Awards \\$1 Million In Food Stamp Outreach Grants To Faith And Community Based Organizations](#)**  
Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today awarded approximately \$1 million to eight faith and community-based organizations to improve access to and awareness of USDA's Food Stamp Program for eligible low-income households.

**[USDA Enters Cooperative Agreement With 1890 Institutions](#)**

**[Transcript of Remarks by Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman at the National Association of Towns and Townships National Conference in Washington, DC on September 08, 2004](#)**

### Disaster Assistance

### Spotlights

**USDA's Results Agenda**  
Progress report on the President's Management

**Be Prepared**  
September is Preparedness Month. We stand ready during a crisis or emergency.

**THREAT ADVISORY** ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ elevated

### I Want To...

- View USDA Customer Statement
- Find a form
- Find weather and climate conditions
- Find commodity market reports
- Find current food recalls
- Apply for food stamps
- More...

### Announcements and Events

- National Obesity Prevention Conference - Sponsored by USDA - October 25-27, 2004

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