



# USDA Assistance for Fruit & Vegetable Growers

## What assistance is available?

- Short-term contracts to assist growers with applying practices such as irrigation, IPM, conservation tillage, buffers, nutrient management, pollinator habitat establishment, and more than 100 other practices that reduce erosion, improve soil, and help farmers better manage their land.
- Technical assistance to help growers in carrying out the practices
- Financial assistance or incentive payments to reduce the cost to the producer



## How do I apply?

- Contact a local USDA NRCS or Conservation District office at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/>
- Request an updated conservation plan
- Complete an application for one of the cost share or incentive programs

## When do I apply?

- Signup for programs is continuous
- Applications are grouped and ranked monthly, so it's best to apply early
- Contracts are written as long as funding lasts

## Are all growers eligible?

- Some programs are only available to farmers who have at least \$1,000 in gross receipts.
- New and beginning farmers, African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians or Pacific Islanders may be eligible for additional incentive payments in some programs.



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