



# USDA Assistance for Fruit & Vegetable Growers

## What assistance is available?

- Short-term contracts to assist growers with applying practices such as irrigation, High Tunnels, 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 improving their soil and carrying out the practices.
- Financial assistance or incentive payments to reduce the cost to the producer.

## How do I apply?

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- 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 Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) or Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

## 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.
- New and beginning farmers, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians or Pacific Islanders may be eligible for higher payments in some programs.



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For Spanish language assistance call 1-866-232-0690

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