



United States Department of Agriculture

Demystifying USDA Programs and Food Safety Certifications

Calling all Producers with Livestock or Fruit/Vegetable Operations



Join us to hear about free programs, resources and services offered for producers. Learn how to write a successful grant proposal, identify what food safety certifications exist and what they mean for producers. Get to know what the 5 C's of credit are and how FSA uses them in our loan making decisions, gain knowledge on the NRCS EQIP ranking process and much more.

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August 28 - 29, 2018
8:00am - 4:00pm

September 19 - 20, 2018
8:00am - 4:00pm

September 4 - 5, 2018
8:00am - 4:00pm

Are you a new/beginning farmer or even a seasoned farmer that seems lost in the USDA process? Do you want to learn more about the eligibility requirements to participate in USDA programs? Are you unsure of all the agriculture resources that are available to you, including producer grant opportunities, financial assistance and loans? If you answered yes, to any of these questions, then this workshop will help you understand all the above and provide much more. Farm Service Agency (FSA) and other USDA and government partners will be hosting a two-day workshop to demystify the process of working with government agencies and answer any questions you may have.

The workshop is free and open to all producers or potential producers. Each event will cover the same information, so feel free to register for the event closest to you. To ensure we have a good head count for refreshments, please register with Cassondra Searight at 334-279-3502 or cassondra.searight@al.usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this workshop should contact Cassondra Searight at 334-279-3501, or by email at Cassondra.Searight@al.usda.gov, or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, at least five days before the event you are registering for occurs.

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