

Cost-Shares

- [NC Value-Added Cost Share](#)
- [NCDA&CS Food Safety Cost-Share Grants](#) - Given on a First Come First Serve Basis
- [NCDA&CS Cost-Share Program for Good Agricultural Practices \(GAP\)](#) - Given on a First Come First Serve Basis
- [NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources Division of Soil and Water Conservation Agriculture Cost Share Program](#) - Ongoing

Loans

- [USDA Small Farm Funding Resources](#) - Ongoing
- [FSA Farm Storage Facility Loan Program](#) – Ongoing
- [NC Ag Loan Info](#) on types of loans available
- [Farm Credit Services of America](#) –Young and Beginning Program

Grants

- [OCIA Research and Extension Micro Grants](#) - Given on a First Come First Serve Basis
- [Golden LEAF Foundation Open Grants Program](#) – Ongoing
- [Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education \(SARE\)](#) has several opportunities including research and education grants, producer grants, sustainable community grants, professional development grants and on-farm research grants.
- [Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project's Grant Listings](#)
- [Farm Credit Financial Training Funding](#) provided by NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission Grant - Currently Accepting Applications
- [Agriculture and Food Research Initiative](#) – with 7 grant categories, through the USDA
- [WNC AgOptions](#) will award a total of \$150,000 to approximately 35 farm businesses and farmer-led groups in 2012

Tax Credits

- [The N.C. Conservation Tax Credit Program](#) – Ongoing

Other Opportunities

- [NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program](#) – Conservation easements
- [USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service](#) has several programs that offer financial and technical assistance, easements, incentive payments, cost shares and matching funds in the areas of conservation, watershed and wetland rehabilitation and protection, environmental quality, farmland protection, wildlife habitat, and grassland and grazing reserves
- [USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Grassland Reserve Program](#) – Ongoing

Farm Service Agency Information:

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 requires FSA to implement a diverse range of programs that provide an equitable financial "safety net" for the nation's farmers and ranchers. FSA also helps to ensure that American agriculture remains competitive in global markets, strong and viable domestically and responsive to conservation and environmental issues. FSA's mission includes effective operations, excellent customer service, and efficient allocation of federal resources. From the FSA website, links to county offices: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?service=page/CountyText>

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From the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) website:
Helping People Help the Land

NRCS works with landowners through conservation planning and assistance to benefit the soil, water, air, plants, and animals for productive lands and healthy ecosystems. Working at the local level, – in field offices at USDA Service Centers in nearly every county in the Nation, -- NRCS employees' understanding of local resource concerns and challenges result in conservation solutions that last. Seventy percent of the land in the United States is privately owned, making stewardship by private landowners absolutely critical to the health of our Nation's environment.

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