



## **Enroll Now!**

The USDA has many exciting climate-smart commodities projects in every state and many territories that partners are leading through Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities grants, which support climate-smart practice implementation, marketing and monitoring. If you're a producer or landowner interested in enrolling in one of our partners' projects, enrollment is through the project lead. Visit <a href="mailto:usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities">usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities</a> to find a project in your area.

By providing support for climate-smart practice implementation, USDA can help you absorb risk associated with practices that often have a high up-front cost of adoption.

Enrolled producers and landowners can take advantage of some of the following benefits:

- Access to expanded markets, premiums and incentives for producing climate-smart commodities
- Cost share and technical assistance to implement climate-smart practices
- More productive and resilient agricultural land, increasing profits and decreasing input costs in farming operations
- Access to large-scale climate-smart data to inform farm management decision-making











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Are you interested in diversifying your operation's income streams and building climate resiliency into your working lands? USDA's Partnerships for Climate Smart-Commodities seeks to build and expand market opportunities for American commodities produced using climate-smart practices. USDA is investing over three billion dollars in approximately 140 pilot projects nationwide, led by project partners to:

- Help you implement climate-smart production practices on working lands to build soil health, sequester carbon & enhance productivity and commodity marketability;
- Pilot new and cost-effective methods for quantification, monitoring, reporting and verification of greenhouse gas benefits to improve market traceability; and
- Develop and connect you to markets, promoting the resulting climate-smart commodities.

This opportunity is open to all producers and landowners, including underserved, small, medium and large-scale farmers, as well as early adopters.

## Creating Market Opportunities, Delivering Climate Solutions

As America's farmers and ranchers confront the challenges of climate change, the USDA and its partners are working to provide the tools needed to build operational and environmental resiliency by implementing climate-smart production practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon, such as



cover crops, no-till, nutrient and manure management as well as pasture and forest management.

There is a strong and growing interest in the private sector and among consumers for food that is grown in a climate-friendly way. The USDA

wants to connect you to the major market opportunities that climate-smart agriculture offers through the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities effort.

Together, we can increase the competitive advantage of U.S. agriculture both domestically and internationally, building long-term economic and environmental sustainability into our food systems. By empowering farmers, ranchers and forest landowners with voluntary, incentive-based, market-driven approaches, we can deliver climate solutions that benefit us all.



## **Anticipated Outcomes**

With partners in the private, non-profit and academic sectors, with nearly 100 universities including over 30 minority serving institutions, as well as collaboration with over 20 tribes and tribal groups, Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities hopes to:

- Create hundreds of expanded markets and revenue streams for producers and commodities across agriculture and forestry ranging from traditional corn to specialty crops.
- Reach more than 60,000 farms, encompassing more than 25 million acres of working land engaged in climate-smart production practices.
- Sequester more than 60 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent over the lives of the projects. This is equivalent to removing more than 12 million gasoline-powered passenger vehicles from the road for one year.

Taking these steps will help ensure that our agriculture and forestry sectors continue to provide healthy food and fiber for America and the world, while also conserving our natural resources for generations to come.