USDA'S FRAMEWORK OF OPPORTUNITY FOR FARMERS, RURAL COMMUNITIES, AND FAMILIES

CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE
Farmers earn extra income by taking on innovative, climate-smart practices and capitalizing on the bioeconomy, which also creates new, better paying jobs.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS
More, better and new local and regional markets and new processing capacity give farmers a fairer price, increase fresh food access for communities and make the nation's food system more resilient.

RENEWABLE ENERGY & BIOPRODUCTS
Growing demand for aviation and marine biofuels and biobased products is a major opportunity for farmers, and investments in electric utilities create a new outlet for farm-generated energy, like solar panels and anaerobic digesters.

USDA is taking a new approach to support smaller, more diverse food and agriculture businesses, giving rural Americans the opportunity to succeed in the communities they love.

America's agriculture system now benefits big businesses above all others. That leaves small and mid-sized farms behind, weakens local rural economies, and threatens our food security and safety. It's time for us to have a system that works for everyone.

ORGANIC
Offsetting the costs for organic transition helps more farmers realize higher margins sooner while giving consumers more access to high-demand organic products.

ECOSYSTEM SERVICE MARKETS
Farmers earn extra income by taking on innovative, climate-smart farming practices that will enable them to participate in carbon and other markets generating new sources of income.

PROCESSING
Independent processing facilities help farmers and ranchers attain fairer prices, give them options closer to the farm and make our food supply less reliant on a few, large-scale processing companies.

FERTILIZER
Boosting domestic fertilizer manufacturing and encouraging innovation in fertilizer technology reduces high costs for farmers and protects them from unpredictable global markets.

GOVERNMENT FOOD PURCHASES
Federal procurement and food purchasing agreements are powerful ways to give small farms and food businesses a leg up and contribute revenue to their communities.

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