



Funding Resource Guide

Available financing and grant options for new or expanding agriculture producers.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture works diligently to identify and promote grants, cost share opportunities, and loan programs that can aid and assist Kansas farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses.

This list of programs available to Kansans through the state and federal governments as well as other agricultural organizations is accurate as of February 15, 2026. This is not a complete list – other programs may be available.

Farm Programs

[USDA FSA Farm Operating Loan](#)

Operating loans can be used to purchase livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. They can also be used to cover costs related to minor improvements, family living expenses, and refinancing certain debts.

[USDA FSA Operating Microloan](#)

Operating microloans offer financial assistance tailored to the unique needs of beginning farmers, small-scale producers, and those engaged in niche farming operations.

[USDA FSA Farm Ownership Loan](#)

Farm ownership loans can be used to purchase, develop, or expand agricultural operations. These loans are available in different forms to meet a variety of needs, including the purchase of farmland, construction of farm buildings, and making improvements to existing structures and infrastructure.

[USDA FSA Ownership Microloan](#)

Ownership microloans aim to help farmers acquire the necessary assets to establish and grow their operations, ensuring financial stability and supporting the development of diverse agricultural enterprises.

[USDA FSA Farm Storage Facility Loan](#)

Storage facility loans provide financing so producers can build or upgrade permanent and portable storage facilities and equipment. Eligible facility types include grain bins, hay barns, bulk tanks, and facilities for cold storage. Drying and handling and storage equipment is also eligible, including storage and handling trucks.

[USDA FSA Youth Loan](#)

Youth loans are designed to support young individuals in pursuing agricultural projects that generate income and promote hands-on learning in farming, ranching, and agricultural business management.

[USDA NRCS EQUIP High Tunnel Initiative](#)

The high tunnel initiative offers financial assistance to farmers interested in using a high tunnel system, commonly called a “hoop house,” as a conservation practice on their farm.

USDA RD Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans

The program provides guaranteed loan financing to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing.

Market Assistance Programs

USDA AMS Farmers Market Promotion Program

The program supports the development, coordination, and expansion of direct producer-to-consumer markets to increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products.

USDA AMS Federal State Marketing Improvement Program

The program funds a wide range of applied research projects that address barriers, challenges, and opportunities in marketing, transportation, and distribution of U.S. food and agricultural products domestically and internationally.

USDA Local Food Promotion Program

The program supports the development, coordination, and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer-to-consumer marketing to increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products.

USDA AMS Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

The program enhances the competitiveness of specialty crops by leveraging efforts to market and promote specialty crops; assisting producers with research and development relevant to specialty crops; expanding availability and access to specialty crops; and addressing local, regional, and national challenges confronting specialty crop producers.

USDA FSA Marketing Assistance Loan

By using their harvested commodities as collateral, producers can obtain interim financing and delay the sale of their crops until market prices improve. Marketing assistance loans help stabilize agricultural income and ensure that farmers have the financial resources to continue their operations.

USDA FSA Organic Certification Cost Share Program

The program provides cost share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products who are obtaining or renewing their certification under the National Organic Program. Certified operations may receive up to 75 percent of their certification costs paid during the program year, not to exceed \$750 per certification scope.

USDA RD Value-Added Producer Grant

The program helps U.S. agricultural producers enter value-added activities that generate new products from raw agricultural commodities, create and expand marketing opportunities, and/or increase producer income through enhanced product value and market reach.

[U.S. Livestock Genetic Export, Inc. MAP Branded Program](#)

The program provides for partial reimbursement (up to 50%) of approved activities such as international advertising; development, translation, and distribution of promotional materials; and participation in foreign trade shows and exhibitions.

[U.S. Meat Export Federation Branded Products Promotion Program](#)

The program provides up to 50% matching funds for eligible expenses to companies that wish to promote their products in international markets.

Business and Entrepreneur Programs

[Kansas Department of Commerce Grant Programs](#)

The Kansas Department of Commerce is committed to helping individuals, businesses and communities achieve prosperity in Kansas. One of the ways it accomplishes this mission is by providing financial assistance and partnership support to further identified goals. Most grants call for local matches and other required stipulations that vary by project.

[Kansas Healthy Food Initiative Predevelopment Technical Assistance Grants](#)

Grants to organizations and businesses that are planning projects to expand healthy food access at the retail level. These may include brand new enterprises or the expansion of existing businesses. This financial assistance is geared toward projects that are still in early concept or predevelopment stages and are not yet ready for full implementation.

[NetWork Kansas Loan Programs](#)

Loans programs that provide additional financial resources for entrepreneurs and small businesses who face challenges in securing traditional funding.

[USDA RD Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program](#)

Grants to help eligible meat and poultry processors expand their capacity. The previous two phases of the program provided funding for new facilities, as well as the renovation and expansion of existing ones.

[USDA RD Rural Business Development Grants](#)

The program promotes economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds to eligible entities. Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas.

Other Resources for Producers

[Good Food Funding Guide](#)

A listing of sources of grants, loans, and equity for businesses and programs promoting sustainable food and agriculture and local economies.

[Kansas Association of Certified Development Companies](#)

Specialized business financing assistance through a nonprofit corporation that is certified by the Small Business Administration to assist businesses in accessing small business financing.

[Kansas Development Finance Authority Beginning Farmer Bond Program](#)

The program assists farmers who have not previously had or who do not currently have substantial ownership interest in farmland in financing their agricultural businesses to start or keep them in farming.

[K-State Extension Food Business Program](#)

The K-State Food Business Team is dedicated to the growth of regional food economies in Kansas by increasing the economic viability of small food and farm-based businesses. The program aims to empower local producers and food business owners to access new markets by providing personalized technical assistance, connecting them to the right resources at the right time.

[Kansas Small Business Development Corporation Capital Access Center](#)

Free business loan advice and capital acquisition consultation services for Kansas SBDC clients.

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