

Farmers.gov

A growing online resource for *farmers, by farmers.*

In February 2018, the USDA's Farm Production and Conservation mission area released farmers.gov – a dynamic, mobile-friendly public website combined with an authenticated portal where customers can apply for programs, process transactions, and manage accounts.

Features built around customer feedback.

The vision of farmers.gov is to provide farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners with online self-service applications, educational materials, engagement opportunities, and business tools to increase efficiency and productivity while preserving and fostering long-held traditional relationships between local USDA Service Centers and producers.

With feedback from customers and field employees who serve those customers, farmers.gov delivers digital resources built around the needs of 21st century agriculture through a streamlined, farmer-centered approach – bringing the most usable information together in a new way.

Features available now.

A few current features built *for farmers, by farmers* include:

- An **H-2A Visa Program page and interactive Checklist Tool** that delivers a custom checklist with application requirements, fees, forms, and timeline built around a producer's hiring needs. Producers can print the checklist or download calendar events from the checklist directly to their personal devices.
- The ability for individual producers to **view farm loans** information, history, and payments for USDA farm loans.
- The **Farm Loan Discovery Tool** on the farmers.gov website. Farmers interested in financial options to operate their farm or buy land can answer a few simple questions to find information on the farm loans that may best fit their business needs, with actionable next steps for working with USDA.
- The **Market Facilitation Program and 2017 Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Programs applications** that producers can track in the farmers.gov portal.
- The **Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool** on the farmers.gov website. The discovery tool walks each producer through five simple questions – in a turbo-tax type experience – for a personalized list of USDA disaster assistance programs that might meet their business needs.
- A **farmers.gov blog** and **FarmersGov Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, and Flickr social media channels** to deliver usable stories for, by, and about farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners.

These and other features are built through an agile, iterative process to deliver the greatest immediate value to America's agricultural producers – helping farmers and ranchers *do right, and feed everyone.*

