

NRCS AND URBAN AGRICULTURE



Who We Are

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service helps farmers care for the natural resources on their land – soil, water, air, plant and animals.

How We Help Urban Farmers

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to growers with:

Soil Health - As experts in soil health, NRCS can advise urban farmers on things like what cover crops to grow, evaluating soil conditions, identifying soil testing needs, and how to add soil organic matter and nutrients by mulching and composting.

Irrigation and Water Conservation - NRCS can help urban farmers conserve water, by assisting with things like drip irrigation and irrigation water management.

Wildlife Habitat - NRCS can provide financial assistance for planting pollinator habitat for beneficial insects, adding structures to attract wildlife, and various other practices that will support a healthy farm ecosystem.

High Tunnels – NRCS can provide financial assistance for high tunnels, used to extend the growing season and to protect plants from harsh weather, air pollution, and pests.

Financial and Technical Assistance is Available

The Natural Resources Conservation Service offers a variety of voluntary programs to eligible landowners and agricultural producers to provide financial and technical assistance to help manage natural resources sustainably.

More information on NRCS programs is available at www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/mo/programs/

To apply for assistance contact your local NRCS Service Center at farmers.gov/service-center-locator

Or apply online with your Farmers.gov account at farmers.gov/sign-in

For more information on urban agriculture:

The Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production was established through the 2018 Farm Bill, and, through these grant opportunities, it offers opportunities for engagements as well as cooperative agreements. It includes representatives from many USDA agencies, including the Farm Service Agency and the Agricultural Marketing Service, and is led by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. More information is available at farmers.gov/urban

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