

Agroforestry Funding Sources

Catalyzing Agroforestry Grant Program

Direct financial and technical support is available for farmers who seek to mitigate climate change through the use of **any of the 6 federally-approved Agroforestry practices**. The program will also develop an Agroforestry Regional Knowledge (ARK) Exchange that serves as a framework for future growth of agroforestry adoption. The ARK Exchange will support ecocultural learning, workforce development, and networking of producer peers, nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, and governmental and nongovernmental partners through farm tours, webinars, and more.



Scan for all ASD's Agroforestry funding opportunities

Expanding Agroforestry Production Program

This program offers assistance for **alley cropping** and **silvopasture** projects through financial and technical support. Growers who implement herb production in their alley cropping systems can also receive assistance in sales and marketing through the Appalachian Harvest Herb Hub.

ASSETS Program

Working Trees, in partnership with Virginia Tech and Appalachian Sustainable Development, have created a **silvopasture** program for farmers in Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. This opportunity supports silvopasture projects through a combination of financial support, technical assistance and Carbon Credit program enrollment.



USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Cost-Share Programs*

**USDA NRCS cost-share and loan eligibility vary by agroforestry practice and by state*
WV eligibility: alley cropping, multi-story cropping (i.e. forest farming), and silvopasture
OH eligibility: alley cropping and multi-story cropping (i.e. forest farming)
VA and NC eligibility: alley cropping and silvopasture
TN and KY eligibility: silvopasture only

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):

Provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits. Funding options are planned based on addressing the resource concerns specific to that farm operation within the context of the state practice standard.

How to Apply: Learn about the program and find your local NRCS agent who will walk you through the application at the [NRCS EQIP information page](#).

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):

Helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation practices to address priority resources concerns. Funding for establishing and improving wildlife habitat and other environmental factors.

How to Apply: Find and contact your local NRCS agent based on your location [here](#).

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Loans*

Direct Farm Operating Loan:

For costs associated with improving profitability (ex: purchasing livestock, equipment, grain, enhancing conservation). Loan max: \$400,000.

How to Apply: [Loan application form and instructions here](#).

Gaurenteed Farm Loan:

Farm Ownership Loans: may be used to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation.

Conservation Loans: for implementing conservation practices approved by the USDA's NRCS, such as reducing soil erosion, improving water quality, and promoting sustainable practices. Farm Ownership and Conservation loan max: \$1,776,000.

How to Apply: [Locate loan lender here](#).

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