



Moving into Winter

As we move into the winter season and Farm Aid's 40th anniversary year, Farm Aid recognizes there are lots of unknowns given the upcoming changes in Congress and the Administration. Farm Aid is working with partners to understand what these changes mean for farmers. These are very uncertain times, but Farm Aid is committed to supporting farmers the same way we have since 1985. We look forward to visiting with you at winter conferences and finding the best resources for you during these challenging times.

— *Caitlin Arnold Stephano, Hotline Program Manager*

Come and visit with us!

- [Northeast Latinx Agricultural Community Conference](#), December 6-7 in Stony Point, NY
- [Jewish Farmers Network Conference](#), December 12-15 in Falls Village, CT
- [SOWTH Conference](#), February 4-6 in Atlanta, GA
- [PASA Sustainable Agriculture Conference](#), February 5-7 in Lancaster, PA

- [NOFA-Vermont Winter Conference](#), February 15-16 in Burlington, VT
- [Marbleseed Organic Farming Conference](#), February 20-22 in La Crosse, WI

Check out our new Farmer Resource Guides

Our Hotline Team has been creating new [Resource Guides](#) for the many topics we hear about daily on the Hotline – from Farm Stress, Legal Assistance and Disaster Relief – and more!

Please check them out and share. We'll be continuing to add more Guides in the next few weeks, so stay tuned. [The Guides are also available in Spanish.](#)

[New Farmer Resource Guides](#)



New Partner Resources We Love

1. AgFTAP's (Agricultural Finance, Tax and Asset Protection) [FARM Champions program](#). This is a vetted list of advisors and experts from

several different states who can support farmers with financial decision making and planning.

2. New [Cooperative Purchasing and Financing Guide](#) from **Farm Commons**

3. New [Cover Cropping resource](#) from **Organic Farming Research Foundation**



Open Grant Opportunities/Coming Soon

[Organic Farming Research Foundation](#)

[Farmer-Led Trials](#) applications open until December 1. OFRF's Farmer-Led Trials Program provides farmers with technical assistance and a small amount of funding to investigate and learn about solutions to their most pressing production challenges.

Food Animals Concern Trust: [Fund-A-Farmer Grant](#) is open until December 8, 2024. They have two different Fund-a-Farmer grant opportunities this season, Fund-a-Farmer Welfare Improvement

Grants up to \$3,000 and Fund-a-Farmer Systems Change and Innovation Grants up to \$10,000.

Real Farmer Care – self-care mini-grants:

Founded in January 2020 by farmer Clara Coleman, Real Farmer Care's founding mission is to support farmers' self-care needs and allocate donated funds directly to farmers as \$100 self-care awards. The grant will open on December 2, 2024.

Farmer Veteran Coalition: The Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund

is a small grant program that provides direct assistance to veterans who are in their beginning years of farming or ranching. The Fellowship Fund does not give money directly to the veteran, but rather to third-party vendors for items the veteran has identified will make a crucial difference in the launch of their farm business. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The application for the Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund opens once per year usually in January or February.

The FruitGuys Community Fund believes that providing small, manageable grants can have big positive impacts for small, independent American farms and agricultural non-profit organizations, which are catalysts for local environmental and economic self-sufficiency, sustainability, and food access. U.S. farms only; grants range from \$2,000-\$5,000. Applicant must be the farm owner/operator or have long-term, legal land access (leased land requires landowner support letter with lease length). Farm must be active for at least 2 years and small to medium-sized (max. 250 acres in production). Usually opens in January or February.

We often post grant and funding opportunities

on [Threads](#), [Bluesky](#) and [X](#) — follow us to see more.



Farm Aid's Hotline and Farmer Resource Network

Did you know that [Farm Aid's Farmer Hotline](#) has been running since 1985? You can call us at 1-800-FARM-AID, Monday through Friday, 9am-9pm ET (6am-6pm PT). One of our Hotline Team members will answer your call, listen and find you the best resources for your situation. You can also submit an [Online Request for Assistance](#) anytime. Our Spanish Hotline is available Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm ET, and the Spanish Online Request for Assistance can be found [here](#).

Our [Farmer Resource Network](#) is a free online database of national, regional and state resources. We have 23 different service categories to search by — from Farm Stress to Funding Opportunities to Legal Help. The Farmer Resource Network is also [fully accessible in Spanish](#).

**Do you know a farmer friend that
might like to receive these
emails?**

Farmer Resource Newsletter Sign-up

Check out our blog!

Want to learn more about how the election impacts the Farm Bill? [Check out our latest blog post.](#)

The Latest Updates on the Farm Bill

Did you know we have a podcast?

[*Against the Grain*](#) is Farm Aid's new podcast. Hear from farmers and artists, advocates and food experts, activists and policymakers – all of whom are working towards building a more just and equitable farm and food system. [Check out our recent episode about responding to farmers affected by Hurricane Helene on the Hotline.](#)

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