



**USDA Assistance for Small Scale Meat Processing
USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service and Rural Development**



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Inspection Programs & Resources for Small Meat and Poultry Processors

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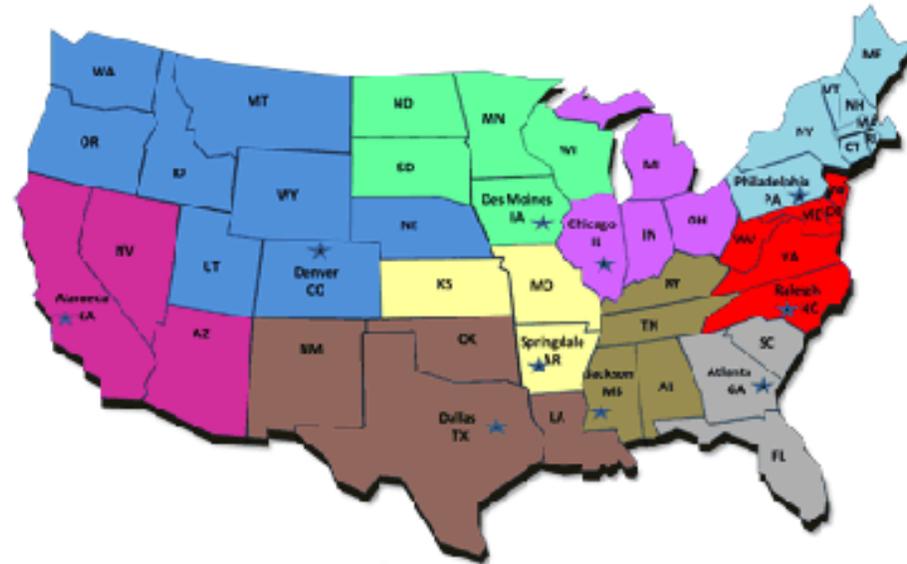


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Process for Obtaining a Federal Grant of Inspection

Contact your District Office

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/informational/districtoffices>



Complete FSIS FORM 5200-2, *Application for Federal Inspection*

https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/c7512904-07cf-46e2-bdfd-2a48e61b588b/Form_5200-2.pdf?MOD=AJPERES



Process for Obtaining a Federal Grant of Inspection

- Establishment must have developed written **Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOPs)** and conducted a hazard analysis and developed and validated a **Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP)** plan.
- FSIS inspection personnel conduct an on-site review of the establishment and documents.



Process for Obtaining a Federal Grant of Inspection

- If all items meet regulatory requirements, a “Conditional Grant of Inspection” will be issued.
 - Establishment **validate its HACCP plan within 90 days.**
 - Validation involves ensuring that the plan is adequate in controlling the food safety hazards identified during the hazard analysis and verifying that the plan is being effectively implemented.



Withdrawal of a Federal Grant of Inspection

- FSIS has ongoing processes in place to continually verify that every establishment **maintains its infrastructure, processes, procedures and documents** in a manner to continue to produce **safe and wholesome products**.
- If any establishment does not maintain its infrastructure, processes, procedures and documents as required by U.S. laws and FSIS regulations, FSIS has the mechanisms in place to withdraw the Federal Grant of Inspection.



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5,200

Small and very small establishments

7,500

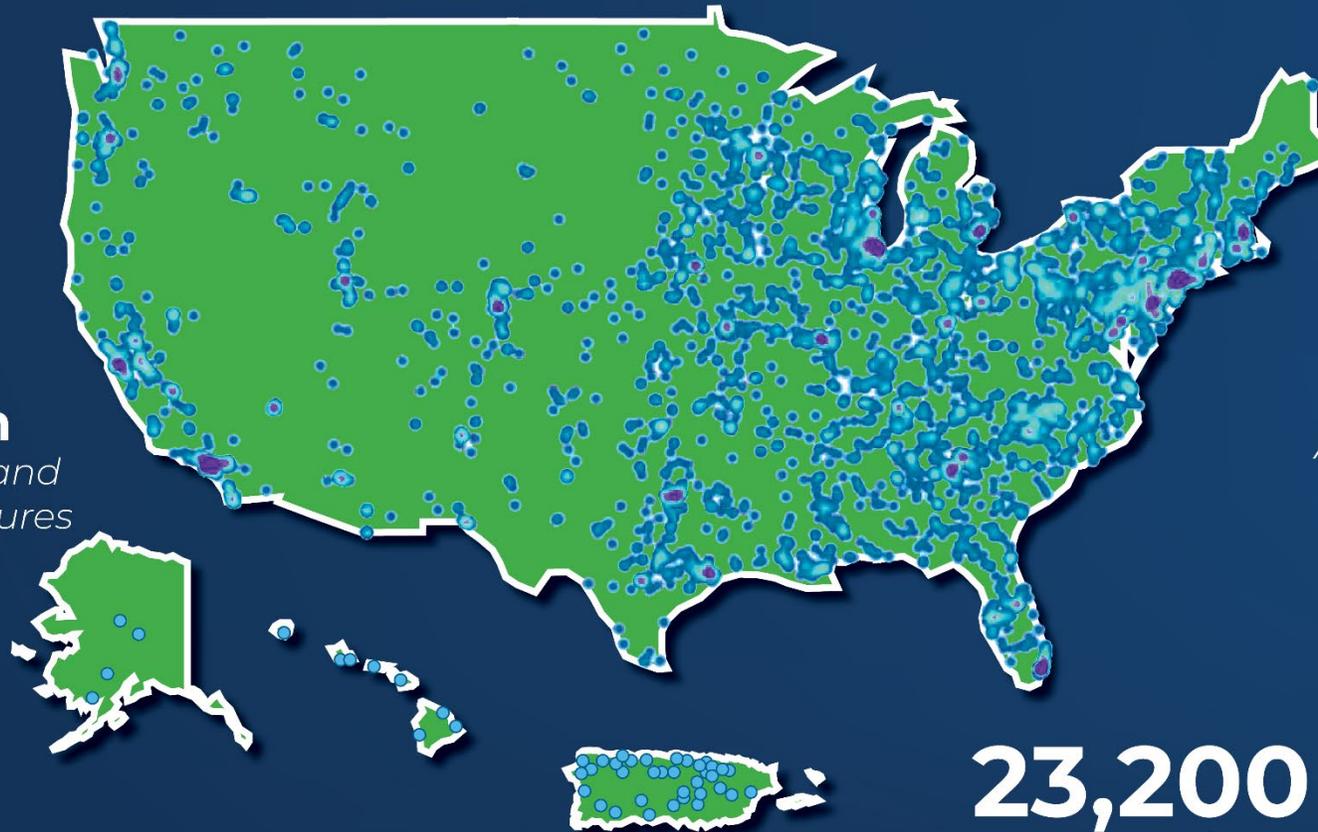
Frontline employees

147

Enforcement Investigations Analysis Officers (EIAOs)

7.1 million

Annual food safety and food defense procedures



23,200

EIAO outreach hours (FY 2019)



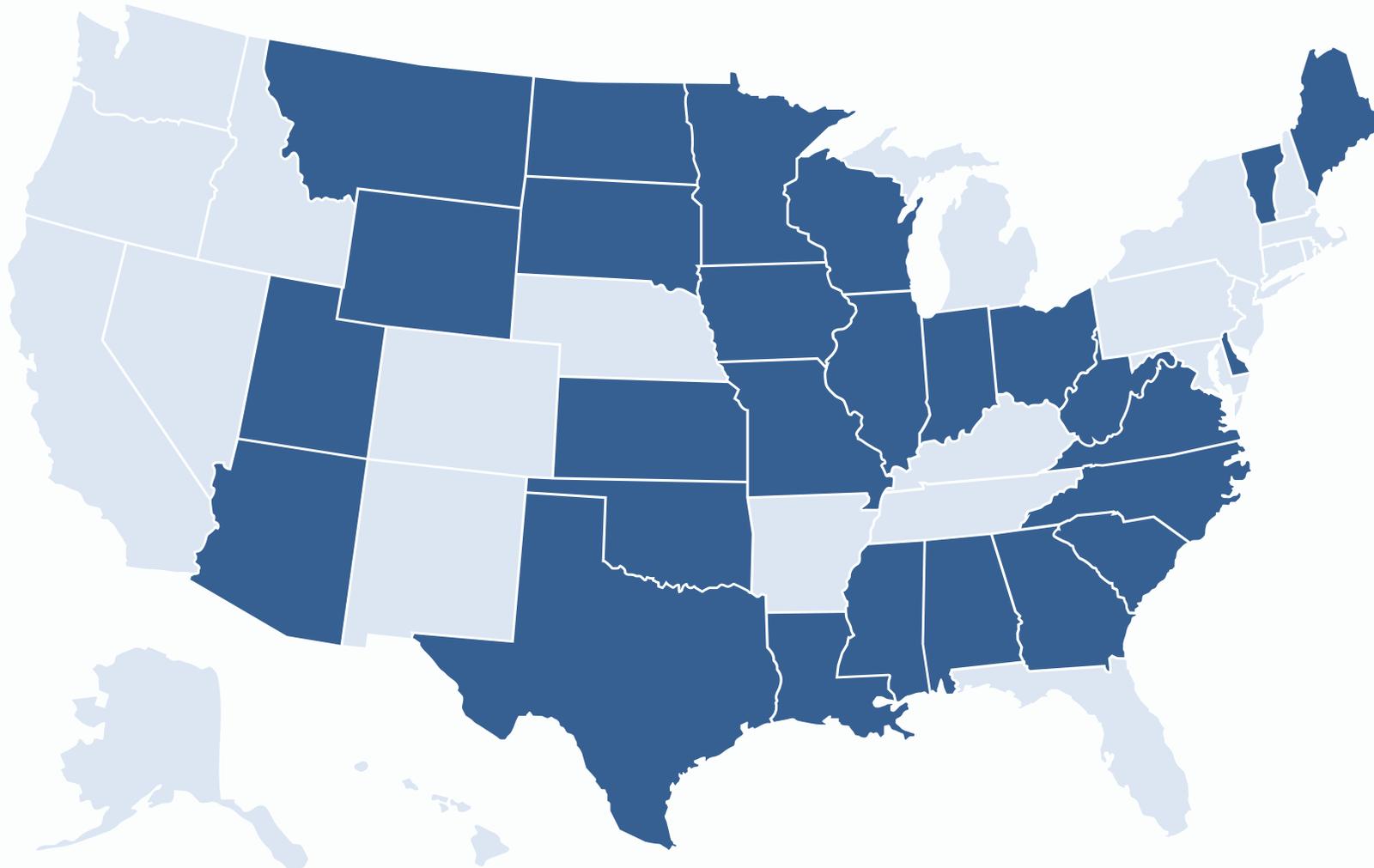
Support for Small Businesses

- askFSIS - <https://askfsis.custhelp.com/>
- Help Desk - 1-877-FSIS-HELP
<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulatory-compliance/svsp/sphelpdesk>
- Guidelines -
<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulatory-compliance/guidelines>
- Education and Training Materials –
<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulatory-compliance/haccp/small-and-very-small-plant-outreach>



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State Meat and Poultry Inspection (MPI) Programs



27
states
operate
MPI
programs



Enforcement and Audits

- FSIS determines whether each state MPI program is “at least equal to” the federal inspection program, and includes **evaluation of the following nine components:**
 - Statutory Authority and Food Safety Regulations
 - Inspection
 - Sampling Programs
 - Staffing, Training, and Supervision
 - Humane Handling
 - Laboratory Methods and Quality Assurance Program
 - Compliance
 - Civil Rights
 - Financial Accountability

State-based Inspection Programs

- “At least equal to” federal standards
- In-state commerce only
- 27 participating states
- FSIS reimburses up to 50% of the cost



- “Same as” federal standards
- Interstate commerce
- 7 participating states
- FSIS reimburses up to 60% of the cost



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Welcome

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Programs Applicable to Small Meat Processors

- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans
- Business and Industry CARES Act Guaranteed Loans
- Rural Energy for America Program Guaranteed Loans and Grants
- Value Added Producer Grants
- Intermediary Relending Program
- Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program
- Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program
- Rural Business Development Grants
- Rural Business Investment Program
- Cooperative Development Assistance

Business & Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program

Offers guarantees to commercial lenders for loans to rural businesses. Eligible lenders include banks, credit unions, savings and loans, Farm Credit System, and other lenders approved by USDA.

Available Funding: Maximum of \$25 million for a B&I loan guarantee.

Borrower Eligibility: For-profit businesses, nonprofits, cooperatives, Federally recognized Tribes, and public bodies are eligible to apply for B&I guaranteed loans.

B&I CARES Act Guaranteed Loan Program

Offers guaranteed loans to lenders for their loans to rural businesses and some agricultural producers to supplement their working capital to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the economic impacts of the coronavirus. Funding limits are the same as for the original B&I program.

Available Funding: Maximum of \$25 million for a B&I loan guarantee.

Borrower Eligibility: B&I eligible rural businesses and agricultural producers not eligible for USDA Farm Service Agency loans, that were in operation on Feb. 15, 2020.

Applying for Assistance: The application deadline is 9/15/2021, or until the funding is expended.

Rural Energy for America Program

Eligibility

New Renewable Energy Systems (RES) or replacement or upgrades for energy efficiency improvements (EEI).

Eligible Applicants:

- Agricultural Producer, or
- Rural Small Business

Grant up to 75% of project costs not to exceed \$25 million. May combine with grant.

Energy Efficiency		Renewable Energy	
	Lighting		Solar
	Heating		Wind
	Cooling		Small Hydroelectric
	Ventilation		Anaerobic Digesters
	Fans		Biomass
	Automated Controls		Geothermal
	Insulation		Wave/Ocean Power

Eligible Project Examples

- Purchase new RES,
- Refurbished RES,
- Retrofitting an existing RES
- EEI upfitting a building to use less energy
- Anaerobic Digesters
- Renewable Biomass
- Hydroelectric
- Hydrogen Projects

Rural Energy for America Program

REAP Grant – Application Deadlines: October 31st 2020 / March 31, 2021

 Renewable Energy Systems		 Energy Efficiency Improvements	
Minimum Grant Request	\$2,500 Total eligible project costs \geq \$10,000	Minimum Grant Request	\$1,500 Total eligible project costs \geq \$6,000
Maximum Grant Request	\$500,000 Total eligible project costs \geq \$2 million	Maximum Grant Request	\$250,000 Total eligible project costs \geq \$1 million

*Up to 25% of Total Eligible Project Costs

Rural Energy for America Program

Minimum Loan Amount	\$5,000 Total eligible project costs \geq \$6,667
Maximum Loan Amount	\$25 million Total eligible project costs \geq \$33.4 million
Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• USDA guarantees a commercial loan; applicant must have a willing lender.• Terms are negotiated between the lender and borrower.• Fees, appraisals, equity & collateral requirements apply.

*Up to 75% of Total Eligible Project Costs

Value Added Producer Grant

Value-Added Producer Grants (VAPG) Program

Helps agricultural producers enter value-added activities related to the processing and marketing of new products. The goals of this program are to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income.

Eligibility:

Independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures may apply.

Available Funding:

A maximum of \$250,00 for working capital grants, and \$75,000 for planning grants. Participating producers must supply 50 percent of the total project cost.

Revolving Loan and Intermediary Lender Programs

- Intermediary Relending Program
- Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program
- Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program
- Rural Business Development Grants

Contact a local USDA Rural Development office for listing of intermediary lenders

Other Program Assistance

- Rural Business Investment Program
- Cooperative Development Assistance

RBCS Program Information and Access Points:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov>

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/business-programs>

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Questions



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Closing