

Farm Bill Funding for Organic and Local and Regional Food Systems US and California 2008-2010

Local and Regional Food Systems

	2008-2010		
	US	CA	% CA of US
Award Totals (in millions)	\$316.9	\$20.7	7%
Healthy Food Access	91.2	6.0	6%
Senior Farmers Market Program	66.7	2.5	4%
Community Food Projects Grants Program	15.0	2.1	14%
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education*^	8.4	1.1	13%
Hunger Free Community Grants*^	0.6	0.2	33%
Healthy Urban Food Enterprise Development Center	0.5	0.1	17%
Marketing and Promotion	115.3	10.7	9%
Value Added Producer Grants^	42.2	3.1	7%
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program^	35.6	1.5	4%
Specialty Crop Block Grant*^	22.1	4.8	22%
Farmers Market Promotion Program	13.4	1.2	9%
Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program*^	2.0	0.1	5%
Farming Opportunities and Economic Support	110.4	4.1	4%
Outreach and Technical Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Competitive Grant	41.4	1.3	3%
Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program^	30.8	1.3	4%
Rural Cooperative Development Grants^	15.4	0.6	4%
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: Agricultural Prosperity for Small and Medium-sized farms	11.7	0.0	0%
Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grants^	5.7	0.0	0%
Small Business Innovation Research: Small and Mid Sized Farms^	2.4	0.5	21%
Rural Business Opportunity Grants*^	1.6	0.3	19%
Rural Business Enterprise Grant*^	1.4	0.0	0%

Organic Research and Production

	2008-2010		
	US	CA	% CA of US
Award Totals (in millions)	\$154.2	\$7.9	5%
Environmental Quality Incentives Program Organic Initiative	59.8	4.4	7%
Organic Research and Extension Initiative	40.7	0.4	1%
National Organic Program Support	17.9	0	0%
Organic Certification Cost Share Program	12.7	2.6	20%
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education*^	11	0.6	6%
Organic Transition	8.3	0	0%
Organic Production and Market Data Initiatives	3.8	N/A	0%

*Totals include only those projects focused on organic production

^Funding totals from grant awards only, no administrative costs included

Farm Bill Programs that Support Local and Regional Food Systems

Agriculture Food Research Initiative: Agricultural Prosperity for Small and Medium-Sized Farms – AFRI provides research, education and extension grants that address problems in sustaining agricultural production, with a subset focus on the success of small and medium-sized farms.

Beginning Farmer and Ranchers Development Program – BFRDP provides funds for programs on education, training, and outreach to support the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

Community Facilities Grants – This program provides grants to help with the development of community facilities in rural areas. Projects include community food banks, farmers markets and facilities and equipment that support food production, preparation and distribution.

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants – This program provides grants to help meet food needs for low-income people and improve the self-reliance of communities by increasing their capacity to provide food for their residents.

Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program – This program provides funds to organizations that offer risk management training to limited resource, socially disadvantaged, underserved, and beginning farmers and ranchers.

Farmers Market Promotion Program – FMPP provides grants for agricultural cooperatives, producer networks and other organizations to improve and expand farmers markets, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.

Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program – The FSMIP funds State Departments of Agriculture or other similar state agencies to research and develop new approaches for marketing agricultural products, including locally produced foods.

Healthy Food Urban Enterprise Development Center – HUFED was created in the 2008 Farm Bill to improve access to and distribution of affordable, nutritious foods to underserved urban communities, including locally produced agricultural products.

Hunger Free Community Grants – Created in the 2008 Farm Bill, this program provides funding to help end hunger by increasing food access at the community level.

Outreach and Technical Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Competitive Grants – Also known as the “section 2501 program,” this program is designed to enhance outreach, education and technical assistance programs for women and racial and ethnic minority agricultural producers.

Rural Business Enterprise Grants – RBEG provides grants to aid in the development of new and small businesses in rural areas, including purchasing equipment, training and technical assistance and facility development to support local and regional food production and distribution.

Rural Business Opportunity Grants – RBOG is a technical assistance program designed to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities by providing funds aimed at improved business planning and management. Enhanced production agriculture and support for local and regional food systems is one of five key strategies within the program.

Rural Cooperative Development Grants – RCDG provides funding to create and operate centers for cooperative development, including farming, ranching and value added products, to improve the economic condition of rural areas.

Senior Farmers Market Program – This program provides money for low-income senior citizens to purchase fruits, vegetables, honey and herbs at farmers’ markets and for community supported agriculture programs.

Small Business Innovative Research: Small and Mid Sized Farms – One of 10 topic areas in the SBIR program, this program is focused on improving the profitability of small and mid-sized farms through research and development of new technologies.

Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grants – SSDPG provides support for small and socially disadvantaged agricultural producers and cooperatives in rural areas to help support job creation and rural economic welfare.

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program – Authorized in 2004, SCBG was established with the sole purpose of enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crops, which include fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including projects that support food access, enhance nutrition and strengthen local and regional markets.

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education – SARE provides grants to fund on-going innovations in sustainable agriculture, including projects aimed at local and regional food production and marketing.

Value Added Producer Grants – Offered through USDA’s Rural Development office, VAPG provides grants to support the marketing of value-added agricultural products and farm-based renewable energy.

Farm Bill Programs that Support Organic Agriculture and Production

Environmental Quality Incentives Program: Organic Initiative – An NRCS funded program that was added to the 2008 farm bill, that sets aside EQIP funding to address natural resource concerns related to organic transition and production.

National Organic Program Support – A regulatory program responsible for developing and enforcing national standards for organically produced agricultural products.

Organic Certification Cost Share Program – Provides support for producers and handlers to become certified organic under the National Organic Program.

Organic Production and Market Data Initiative – An initiative that generates organic statistics, organic price reporting and economic reports.

Organic Research and Extension Initiative – OREI funds research and extension to help improve the success of organic producers and processors to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products.

Organic Transition Incentives for Beginning Farmers – Operated under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), this program provides support for beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers that are transitioning CRP land into organic certification.

Organic Transitions Program – This program provides research, education and extension grants to support farmers adopting organic practices and to improve the competitiveness of organic livestock and crop producers.

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education – SARE provides grants to fund on-going innovations in sustainable agriculture, including projects focused on organic agricultural production.