

Resources for Beginning Farmers
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A guide to organizations and programs offering assistance and funding to farmers:

- 1. FSA - Farm Service Agency:** <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA>
 - Visit your local office, enroll in system, 2012 Farm Bill updates
 - Farm loans, pick up a guide to FSA Farm Loans at your local office
 - CRP - Conservation Reserve Program

- 2. NRCS - National Resources Conservation Service:** <http://www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>
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SWCD - Soil & Water Conservation District: <http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/soilwater/AEM/>
 - Soil maps, land productivity assessment, prescribed grazing plans, property maps
 - AEM (Agriculture Environmental Management) enrollment, conservation plans
 - Outreach materials, guide to conservation funding programs

- 3. CCE - Cornell Cooperative Extension:** <http://www.cce.cornell.edu>
 - Become a member of your local CCE
 - Educational programs, workshops, trainings, conferences
 - Farm business planning, loan procurement, tax management, cash flow analysis
 - Soil testing
 - Individual appointments, farm visits

Useful sources:

<http://nebeginningfarmers.org/> Guide to Farming in NYS, Direct Marketing Livestock & Poultry, Online Farming Courses

<http://smallfarms.cornell.edu/> Small Farms Update, Small Farm Quarterly, Funding Opportunities

www.sheep.cornell.edu

www.sheepgoatmarketing.info

<http://extension.psu.edu/ag-alternatives>

www.extension.org