

USDA FIELDS PROGRAM

Aug. 15 deadline to submit applications

On July 1, the USDA announced the launch of the \$500 million Fertilizer Investment & Expansion for Long-Term Domestic Supply (FIELDS) Program, a new initiative administered through USDA Rural Development to expand domestic fertilizer manufacturing, strengthen America's fertilizer supply chain, and improve long-term affordability for American farmers. Utilizing the authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), USDA will make \$500 million available through the FIELDS Program to support construction and expansion of domestic fertilizer production facilities. The program prioritizes shovel-ready, financially viable projects capable of increasing production of critical crop nutrients. Administered by USDA Rural Development's Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the FIELDS program will support projects that expand domestic production of nitrogen, phosphate, potash, sulfur, and other critical crop nutrients, strengthen competition, improve supply chain resilience, and increase fertilizer availability for American farmers. Individual awards will range from \$15 million to \$150 million, with funding focused on projects that strengthen domestic fertilizer manufacturing and deliver meaningful benefits to American agriculture. Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 15. Additional information, including eligibility requirements and application materials, is available through USDA Rural Development at www.rd.usda.gov and on <https://Grants.gov>.