



**The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

**Opportunities for Small Business**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization**

# USDA

- Large, decentralized cabinet level agency
- Over 100,000 employees
- 29 agencies and staff offices
- Offices located throughout the U.S. & major embassies around the world
- Many programs serving the American people

# USDA's Purchasing Environment

- Purchase a broad array of products and services
- 11 major buying agencies
- Spend approximately \$5 billion annually
- Large buyer of
  - Commodities & food products – approx. 60%
  - Information technology – 20%
  - environmental services – 5%
  - architecture & engineering/construction/real property 10%
  - Other services and supplies, including professional/administrative/management services - 5%

***USDA is a Strong Supporter of Small  
Business –***

***54% of our total contract spending in  
2008 was with Small Business***

# USDA 2008 SMALL BUSINESS GOAL ACHIEVEMENT

<u>Business Type</u>	<u>Federal Goal</u>	<u>USDA Goal</u>	<u>USDA Achievement</u>
Small	23 %	49 %	54 %
SDB	5	10	11
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HUBZone	3	3	6
Women- Owned	5	5	6
SDVOSB	3	3	2

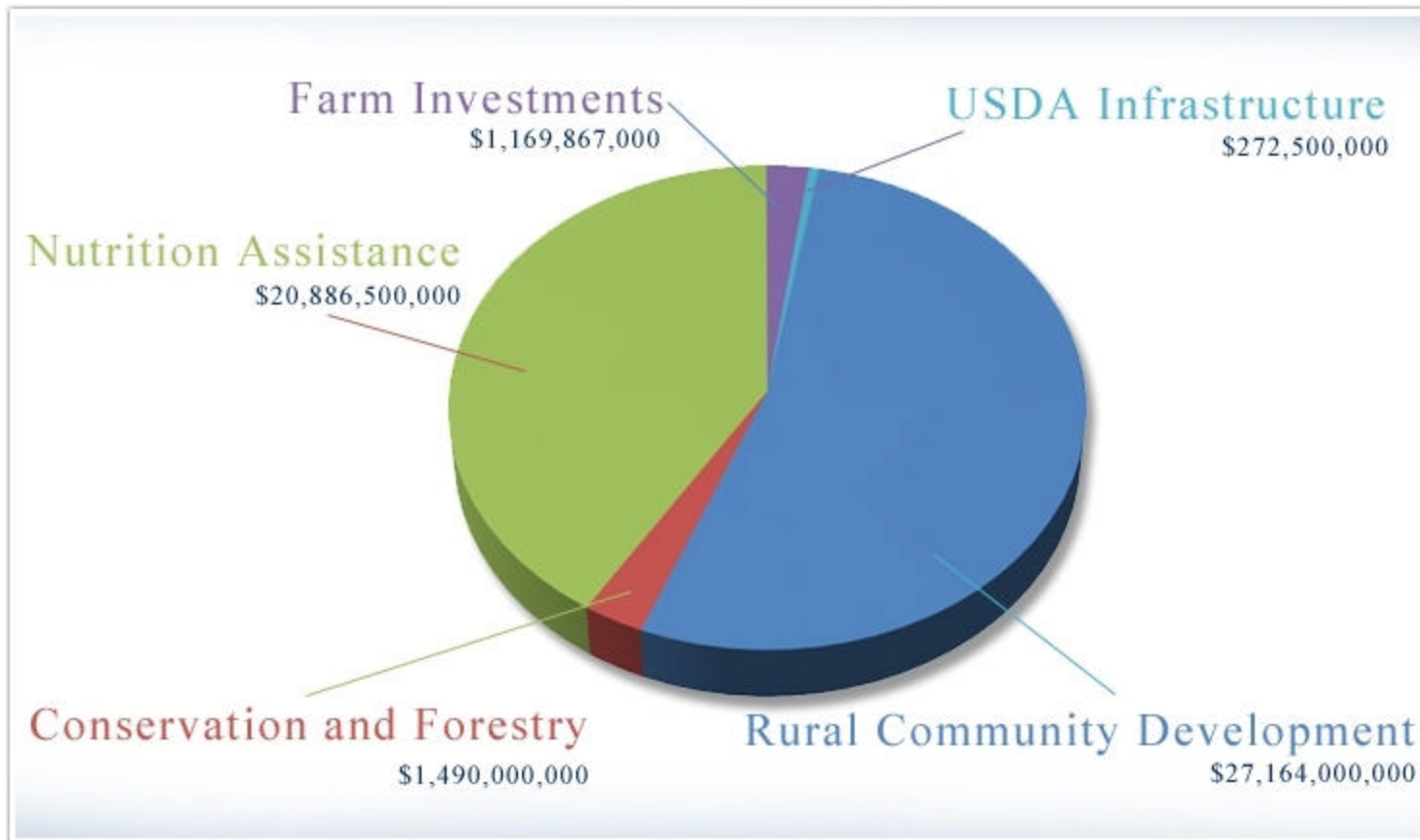
# USDA's Buying Agencies

- Agricultural Marketing Service
- Agricultural Research Service
- Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service
- Farm Service Agency
- Food Safety & Inspection Service
- Food & Nutrition Service
- Forest Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Office of Procurement and Property Management
- Office of the Inspector General
- Rural Development

**A word about the  
American Recovery and Reinvestment  
Act (ARRA)**

<http://www.Recovery.gov>

# USDA – RECOVERY ACT



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# USDA & Small Business

For additional information regarding USDA's Small Business Programs and our Forecast of Small Business Opportunities visit our

- **web site at [www.usda.gov/osdbu](http://www.usda.gov/osdbu) or**
- **contact us at (202) 720-7117**

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