



# NUag News Blast

The NUag team is excited to announce its monthly newsletter bringing you updates on our project and urban agriculture across the nation. We aim to share information on producers, cooperators, USDA, recourses, current events, and much more. The team looks forward to cultivating engagement with our stakeholders and continuing to build momentum throughout this work.



## Website Updates Detroit Conference Materials

Detroit was filled with great resources and information, and we are excited to use our website to give you continued access to them.

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## Relevant Links

[USDA Invests \\$9 Million in 10 Organizations Nationwide to Support Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production](#) - NUag welcomed the next wave of 10 Urban Ag cities to join the NUag Initiative.

[USDA Makes Acreage Reporting Improvements to Allow Flexibility for Urban and Innovative Producers | Farm Service Agency](#) - This change will allow more urban and innovative farmers better access USDA programs. USDA now allows for reporting down to 0.0001 acres or a space about 2.5" by 2.5".

[Enhancing Program Access and Delivery for Farm Loans | Farm Service Agency](#)  
[USDA Updates Farm Loan Programs to Increase Financial Freedom, Resilience and Profitability for Agricultural Producers | Farm Service Agency](#) - Farm Service Agency Farm Loan Programs now offer increased flexibility for loans to improve the access and delivery of loans to producers.



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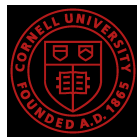
## Urban Insights

[USDA Invests Approximately \\$11.5 Million in Composting and Food Waste Reduction Projects in 23 States | USDA](#) - The \$11 million dollar plan will contribute to food security and includes plans to redistribute compost to urban and local growers.

[The time is ripe to support urban agriculture: Experts urge Congress to fund new iteration of Farm Bill](#) - Advocates publish a policy bill to put pressure on Congress to fully fund the Department of Agriculture's Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production which has been in limbo since September 2023.

[Raising chickens, ducks, and bees allowed in Detroit under new urban farming rules](#)- Detroit passes a bill that allows for bees, ducks and chickens to be kept on urban farms. The community members that advocate on behalf of Detroit's 2,300 urban farms have been pushing for a livestock ordinance since 2013.

[How a U.S. Army veteran went from battlefields to mushroom farming](#)- Farmer spotlight - Urban Farmer Steve who was a former Veteran and turned to mushroom farming and the rise and importance of black and brown veteran farmer programs.



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