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RESOURCES FOR VETERANS INTERESTED IN FARMING OR RANCHING CAREERS

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has coordinated with various agencies and partners to assist California's veterans in entering farming or ranching careers. Recognizing the decrease in the number of farmers and ranchers nationwide, the rising age of America's farm operators, and the low proportions of beginning farmers and ranchers, the USDA has identified veterans as a promising population to help fill these roles.

To connect veterans with the tools needed to succeed in farming or ranching careers, the USDA provides financial, educational, and training resources on their website. These resources include the following:

- Employment opportunities in agriculture and agribusiness.
- Entrepreneurship opportunities such as farm loans, transition incentives, and insurance programs.
- Education opportunities in agriculture and agribusiness in areas such as plant science, food science, water resources science and engineering, and veterinary medicine.
- Mentorship opportunities to provide veterans with business or other guidance as they prepare for their new careers.

In addition to the resources above, the website includes information to help veterans transition from military service to a career as a farmer or rancher, and blogs where veterans can read success stories about other beginner farmers and ranchers.

America's Job Center of California[SM] partners and staff are encouraged to visit the USDA website and share this resource with veterans considering farming or ranching as a post-service career.

For more information regarding this effort, please visit the USDA Veterans website.

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