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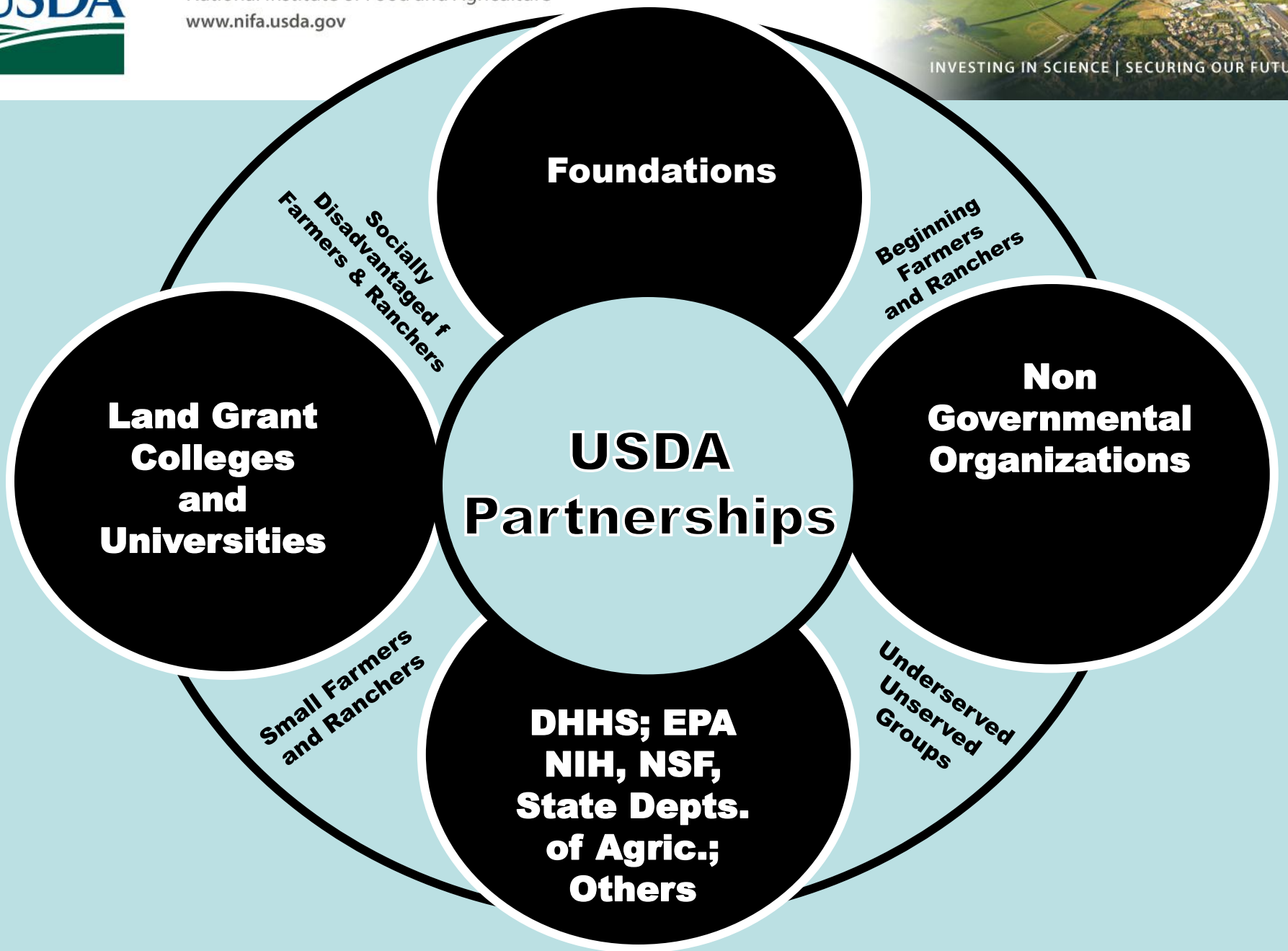
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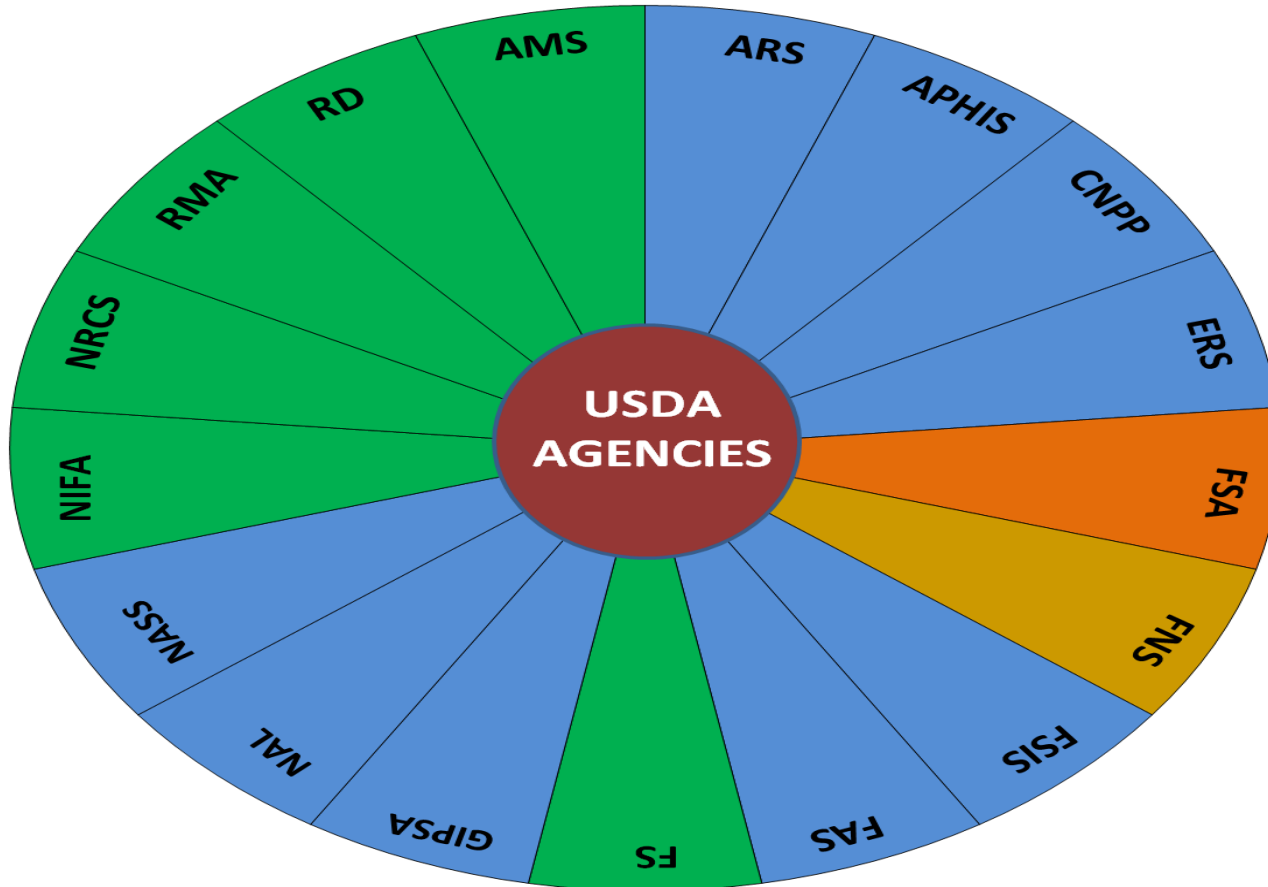
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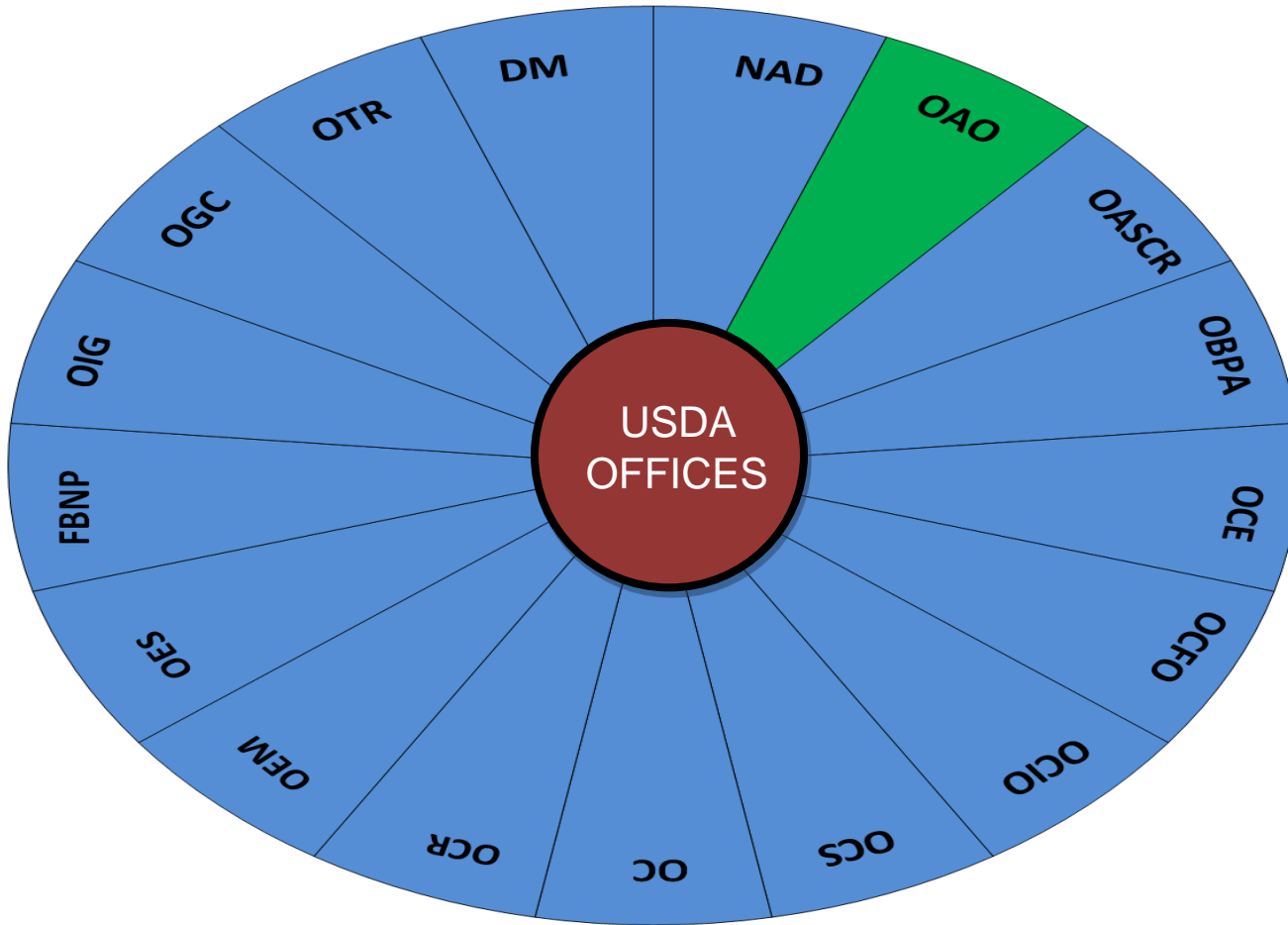
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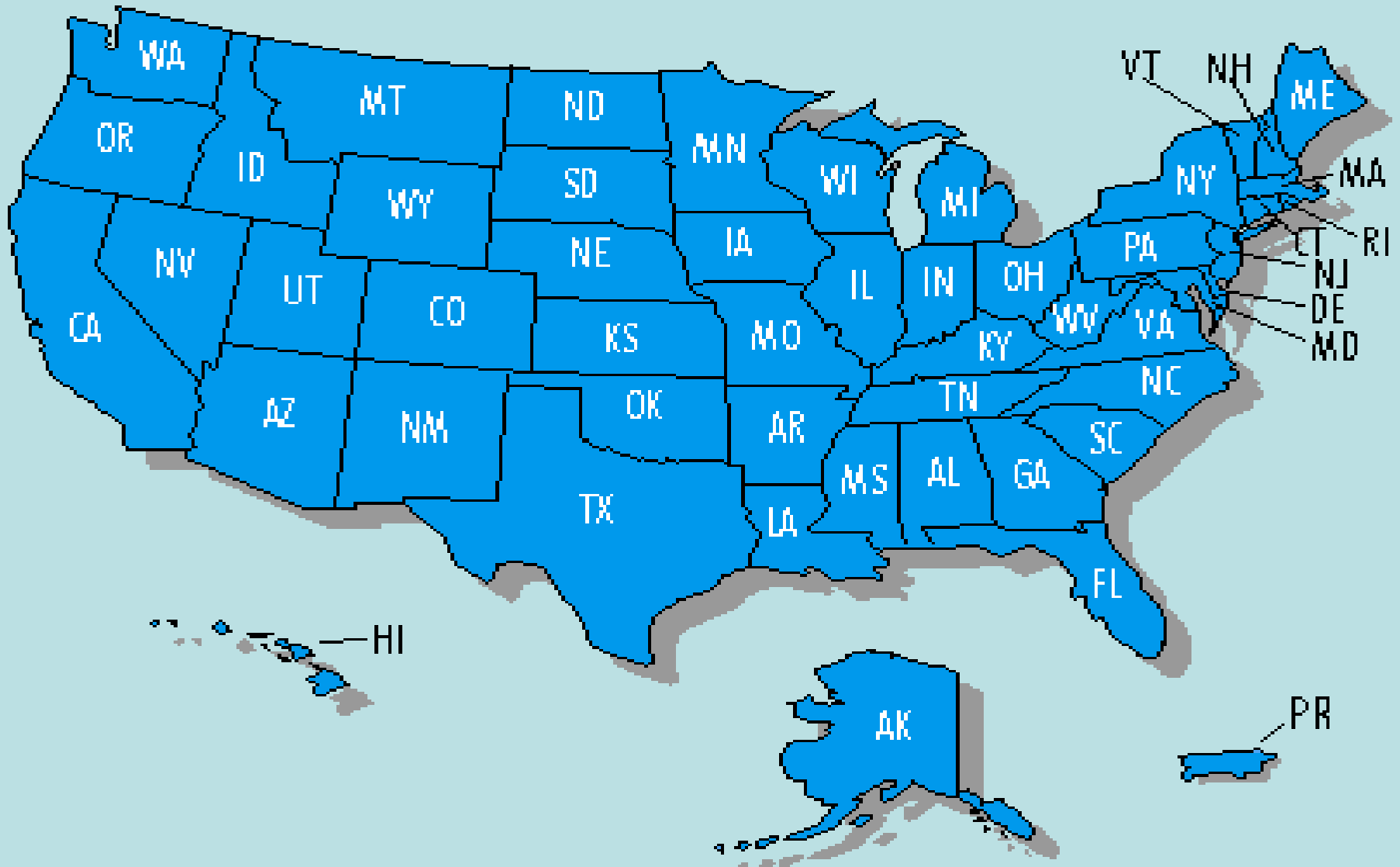




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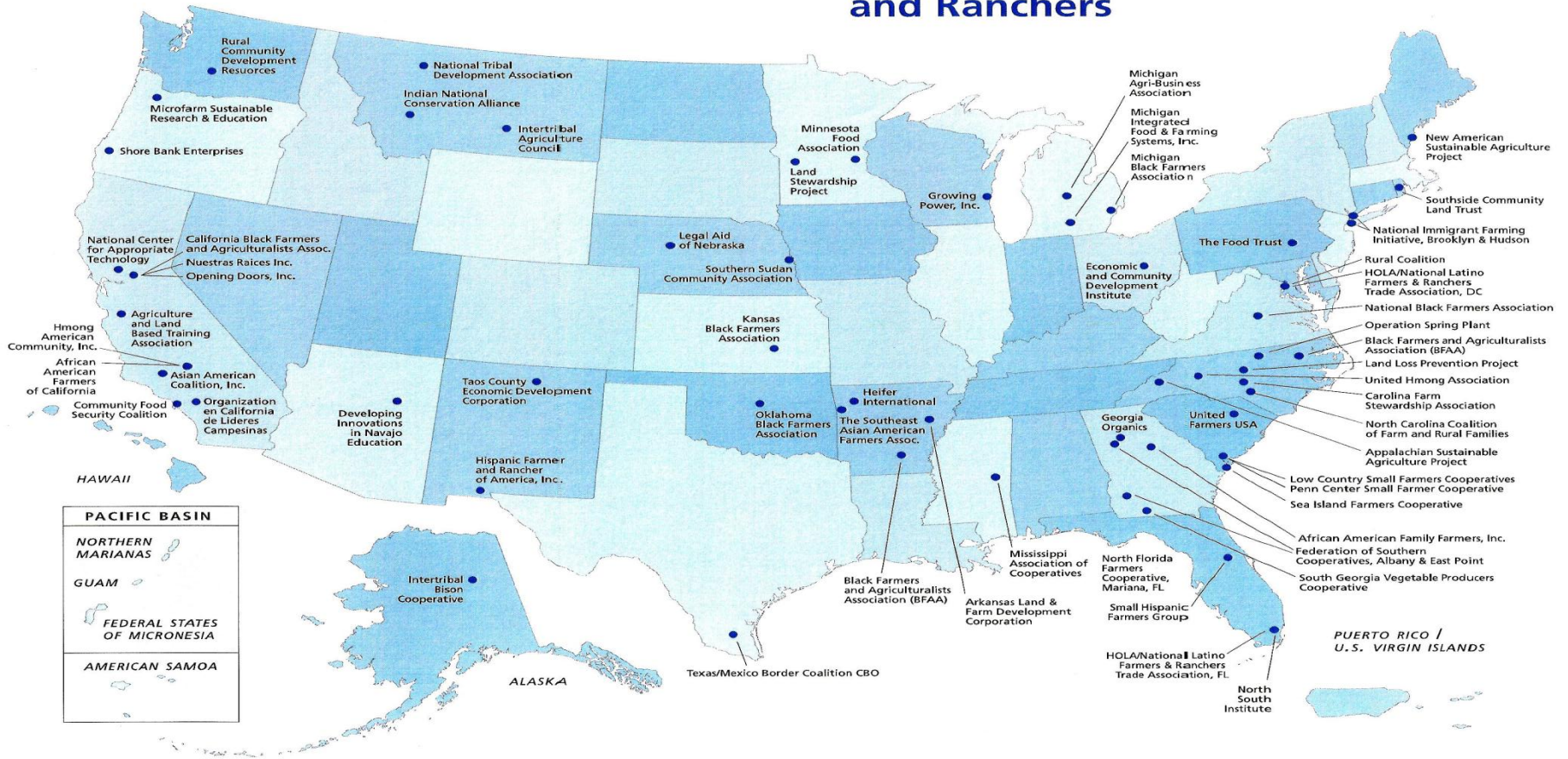
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USDA COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS



United States Department of Agriculture
Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

USDA COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS: Working with Small Farmers and Ranchers





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U.S. Farmers Markets October 2011



<http://farmersmarkets.usda.gov>



MEETING THE NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

- Access to markets, land, credit and capital
- Development of Cooperatives
- Promote training and mentoring opportunities
- Provide leadership opportunities
- Acquire appropriate skills
- Promote partnership and collaboration



OUTREACH METHODS

- Word of mouth, One-on-One
- Stakeholder meetings (formal and informal)
- Hands-on Workshops
- On-Farm Research and Demonstration
- Networking, Radio/TV
- Conferences, Community Events



Office of Advocacy and Outreach

Website: www.outreach.usda.gov

Phone: 202-720-6350

- Small and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program
- Outreach and Assistance For Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Program (2501 Program)
- Farmworker Program
- Higher Education Initiatives



Agricultural Marketing Service

www.ams.usda.gov

- Farmers Market Promotion Program
- Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
- Federal State Marketing Improvement Program



FARM SERVICE AGENCY

www.fsa.usda.gov

- Farm Ownership and Operating Loan Program
- Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Loan Program

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

www.nrcs.usda.gov

- Conservation Innovation Grants
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program
- 1890 Institutions Teaching, Research and Extension Capacity Building Grants Program
- Community Food Projects
- Hispanic Serving Institutions Competitive Grants Program
- Small and Medium Sized Farms
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE Program)



USDA-Rural Development

www.rd.usda.gov

- Farm Labor Housing for Farmworkers
- Rural Cooperative Development Grants
- Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grants
- Value-Added Producer Grant



RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

www.rd.usda.gov

- Education and Outreach Grant

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

www.fns.usda.gov

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Women, Infants and Children Program
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- School Meals

FOREST SERVICE

www.fs.usda.gov

- National Urban and Community Forestry Cost-Share Grant

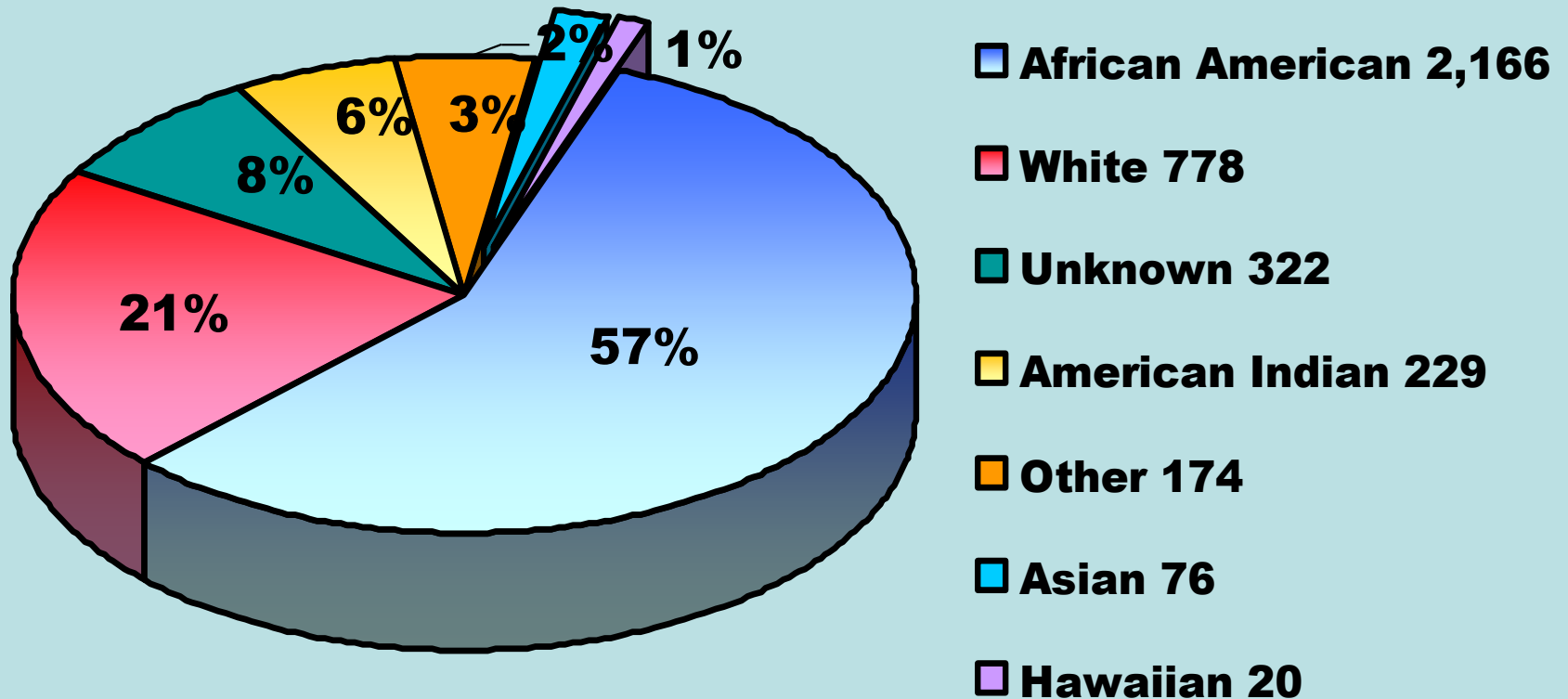


USDA MINORITY FARM REGISTER

What kind of people have joined?

3,765 registrants as of January 31, 2012

Registrants by Race



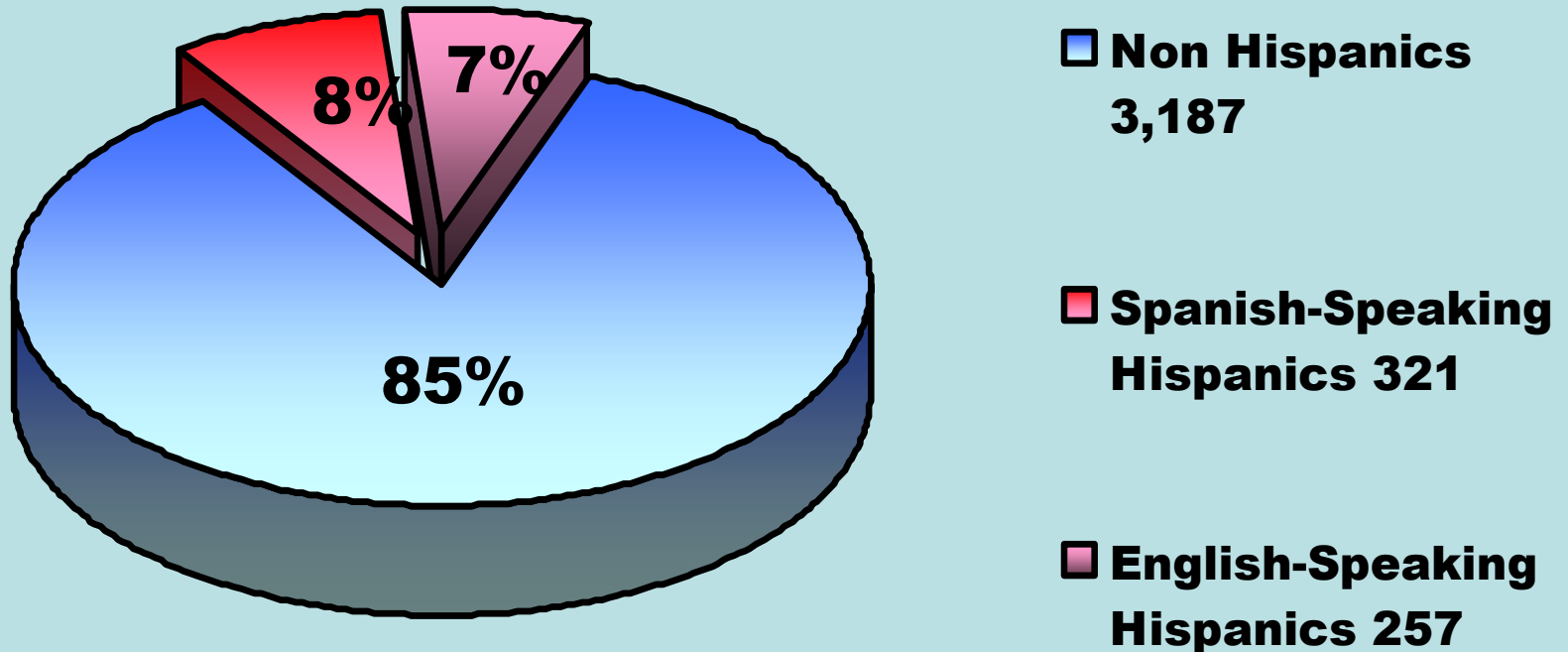


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Registrants by Ethnicity





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6th National Small Farm Conference

www.tnstate.edu/smallfarmconference

Overview of Small Farm Programs at the Land Grant Colleges
and Universities

www.nifa.usda.gov/familysmallfarms.cfm