# Resource Guide

# Veterans in Agriculture

Are you a Veteran interested in starting an agricultural hobby or business?

This guide contains resources to help you get started.

#### **WEST VIRGINIA**

WV Veterans & Heroes to Agriculture

https://bit.ly/37tiwJH

WV Department of Agriculture

https://agriculture.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx

Operation Welcome Home

https://welcomehomewv.com/about-us/

Sprouting Farms

https://www.sproutingfarms.org/



VA Department of Agriculture

https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov

Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition

https://bit.ly/2XOHwrv



## **MARYLAND**

Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs

https://veterans.maryland.gov/veterans-services-specialist-program/

## ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING AND NAVIGATING AVAILABLE RESOURCES

<u>Farm Bureau Patriot Project</u> Mentorship program that connects military veteran beginning farmers and ranchers with experienced Farm Bureau member farmers and ranchers. https://www.fb.org/programs/patriot-project/ <u>Homegrown By Heroes</u> (HBH) label is the official farmer veteran branding program of America.

https://farmvetco.org/hbh/

<u>USDA Veteran Resources</u> https://newfarmers.usda.gov/veterans

National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition Beginner farmer and rancher development program.

https://bit.ly/2MNObvz

Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Help people make investments in their operations to improve the quality of our air, water, soil and habitat. https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/national/home/
Farmer Veteran Coalition Nation's largest nonprofit organization assisting veterans and currently serving members of the Armed Forces to embark on careers in agriculture. https://farmvetco.org

Small Business Administration (SBA) https://www.sba.gov

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