

# 2024 Conservation Agronomist Request for Applications (RFAs)

- Under the Conservation Agronomist Program, Truterra intends to award up to \$6 million across two separate RFA periods, with approximately \$3.4 million in funding available under this RFA.
- The maximum award is anticipated to be \$250,000 over the course of a three-year term,
- Applications are limited to Truterra retailers that did not receive funding through the first Conservation Agronomist funding opportunity.
- The deadline to submit an application is August 21st, 2024

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Truterra, LLC, the sustainability business of farmer-owned cooperative, Land O'Lakes, Inc. will deploy funding from the USDA's Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities to scale production and demand for climate-smart corn, soybean, wheat, cotton and milk among the Truterra network.

The purpose of the Conservation Agronomist Program request for applications (RFA) is to invite Truterra network providers to develop and submit applications to fund the provision of conservation agronomy support for farmers. The RFA provides Truterra providers with a fair opportunity to submit applications to Truterra for conservation agronomy funding opportunities.

Conservation Agronomists will serve as the sustainability experts within their organization by creating and implementing a plan to engage farmers, initiating climate smart practice changes, and educating farmers about the availability of public, private, and non-profit conservation programs. Conservation Agronomists will also lead initiatives to host educational events and train ag retail staff on climate smart practice opportunities.



## HOW IT WORKS



### **REQUEST FOR APPLICATION DETAILS**

WHO'S ELIGIBLE <sup>1</sup>	Truterra network providers located in the United States (excluding AK, HI, VT, NH, CT, RI, and NM)
RFA IS PUBLISHED	June 5, 2024
INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR	June 6, 2024
BUILD A BETTER APPLICATION WEBINAR	June 14, 2024
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS	June 26, 2024
RFA QUESTIONS/ANSWERS ARE DISTRIBUTED	July 10, 2024
APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE	August 21, 2024

## Visit <u>Truterraag.com/conservation-agronomist-RFA</u> for more information and to submit an application by August 21, 2024

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1: Excluding retailers that have an existing grant funded conservation agronomist position beyond FY24