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## Cultivating Equity in Black Agriculture



According to [McKinsey & Company](#), today just 1.4% of farmers identify as Black or mixed race compared with about 14% a century ago. Furthermore, these farmers represent less than 0.5% of total U.S. farm sales. Because of this extreme inequity in the U.S. agricultural industry, NMSDC and [Cargill](#) launched a new program to advance agricultural supply chain access for Black farmers.

### Program Goals

We are working together across our corporate network to:

- Achieve NMSDC's mission of eliminating the racial wealth gap by increasing the number of certified Black farmers in the U.S. agricultural industry.
- Increase opportunities for access to capital, access to new markets and access to technology as we assist in leading in the next-generation Black farmers into agriculture.
- Create a pathway for emerging Black farmers to achieve parity in the agriculture industry.



### Program Structure



**Learning program** - selected participants complete a curriculum focused on growing their capacity to take on major national contracts with corporate members.



**Strategic business support** - At the end of the program, farmers will have a corporate mentor and their NMSDC.



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