

# RURAL ENTREPRENEUR NETWORK

Education, Training, and Resources for New Rural Businesses

## Rural Non-Ag Business

There are many business opportunities that can be quite lucrative for farm families in non-traditional areas which meet the needs of suburban families. Many of these use the repair and maintenance skills and hard work farm families are known for such as:

- Lawn Care and Landscaping
- Painting Contractor
- Home Repair Contractor
- Car and Truck Repair
- Child Care
- Specialty Farm Foods sold on farm or to retail
- Kennel, pet hotels
- Storage units, boats, vehicles
- Antique stores in barns
- Performance arts facility in barn – music, theatre, dancing, etc.
- Weekend Country restaurant – Friday, Saturday nights and Sunday noon
- Mr. Fixit service for nearby suburban homeowners
- Garden Rental Plots
- Gift Shops or Country Stores featuring crafts, food products
- Specialty Dog Breeding

**Also visit:**

Alternative Rural Business Ideas Or Agri-Tourism [www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/RESS/altenterprise](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/RESS/altenterprise)