

## A Guide to Finding Farming Simulator Mods



Looking for mods that you don't remember where the download was? Well this guide is aimed at solving that problem! Don't be daunted by the amount of reading; it's a 5-minute read, and well worth your time if you want to know how to find mods without having to ask Discord and getting the "Google" response back every other time.

## Trusted Mod Sites

- <https://farming-simulator.com/> | The official FS ModHub, which is home to all the mods that have passed Giants Software's testing process, and also where console mods are downloaded from. There are a decent amount of European mods on this site as the ModHub is home to modders from all around the globe, but there are still plenty of American mods.
- <https://simplysafemods.com/> | SimplySafeMods is exactly what it sounds like. It's simple, and it's safe. The owner of this site maintains a personal relationship with each modder that has uploads to the website, and as you can read on the title page, they hold an immense amount of respect for modders and their work. With this site, you're guaranteed to get the original link, along with a low chance of a broken or bugged mod.
- <https://facebook.com> | Out of all the sites previously mentioned, this is the broadest. Many modders have chosen Facebook as their primary place to share updates, news, new mods, and more; a few examples could include Custom Modding, Siid Modding, and Diniz Farms. One key Facebook page that is worth mentioning is "American style mods and news for farming simulator". Following their page will give you peeks at almost all of the American modding efforts out there, which is huge if you've never explored Facebook before. It can be daunting at first, but you can also create an account to make it easier, and doing so will also give you access to join Facebook groups. The main downside to Facebook is you can't just use the search bar to find a specific mod. You need to know the author of the mod you're looking for.
- <https://tysondiniz.me/directory/> | Diniz Farms is now operating a modder directory on his modding website, and it contains quite a few modders on it. As of writing, the site has 66 modders and has the social media/contact info/pages available for each one of them. This is huge, since it's a difficult task to sift through Facebook or other official download sites to find news and mods. This is your one stop shop if you want to find good North American mods.
- <https://itch.io/> | Itch.io is a website designed to host files and blogs for whatever your heart desires. Starting somewhere around the time of FS22's release, Farming Simulator modders began setting up their own sites on Itch, and it has taken off ever since. I have my own itch.io site (<https://skywalker-farms.itch.io/>), and if you simply search FS22 in the search bar, you will find a plethora of mods. Almost all of the FS mods that are uploaded to itch.io are reputable. The exceptions are when someone does not have permission to release a mod. An important tip with itch.io: Most mods will pull up a donation screen when you want to download something. 99% of the time, it's not a requirement to pay. There will be a button below the donation drop-down box that says "No thanks, just take me to the downloads". Click that, and you can bypass the donation

screen and download your mod. But do consider giving modders a tip for their hard work!

- Besides these sites, third party hosting sites that include mod downloads include Google Drive, mega.nz, mediafire.com, sharemods.com, and uploaded.net. An ad blocker program is recommended for the last 3 if you don't want ads to pop up everytime you download a mod from most of those. (Google Drive and MEGA are also the safest sites if you want to upload mods). Also make sure you're hitting the right download button, if you hit the wrong one, it could download a virus onto your computer.
- Miscellaneous mod sites that I don't have experience with, but are recommended by veteran players include
  - <https://www.modhoster.com/>
  - <https://www.lsfarming-mods.com/>

## Sketchy Mod Sites

- <https://mod-network.com/> | Mod Network has become quite a controversial download site recently, and the main reason why is because almost all of the mods posted there nowadays are reuploads from other sources. Mods from the official ModHub, prominent Facebook sites, or little-known modders; there is a good chance that a North American mod you are looking for can be found there. With this in mind, I do not have any respect for what Mod Network is doing. The site reviews all mods submitted before posting them, so there is clearly an issue with the submission process and people abusing that to make money off of those mods. **The only reason you should ever go to Mod Network for official mods, is if you got the link to Mod Network from the original modder's social media/official page.**
- <https://www.kingmods.net/en/> | Kingmods is another controversial site as while it does credit the original authors, the downloads are not always original. It's recommended that you double-check it's the official download location before using. The main thing that makes this site a noteworthy one is that, similar to Yesmods, there are reviews on all the mods. The site has a 5-star rating system for the community to rate each mod, and it runs community votes to decide the top-10 mods added each week. The owner also maintains a YouTube channel showcasing mods every so often. While some of the downloads can be questionable links, they're usually safe if you have some anti-virus software to combat those pesky sharemods popups. **For these reasons, like Mod Network, you should only download from Kingmods if you got the link from an official social media page, or any other page, that came from the author themselves.**
- **Any websites not listed in either of these lists are either sites that have buggy or virus-filled downloads, or they are reuploading someone else's mod to their site in hopes of making money on it. This is wrong, and the best way to stop these pirate sites from doing so is to spread awareness that not just any site is ok to download from. There could also be good sites that I missed, but if you're unsure about the credibility of a site, your peers are a great resource to help you.**

## Sites to Not Download From

- modhub.us - this site is actually an official hosting site for some people, but the download locations are generally stolen from the original source
- fs19.net
- fs19mods.com
- farmingsimulator19mods.com
- download-fs19.com
- farming2015mods.com
- fs19.lt
- Modland.net
- farmingsimulator22mods.com
- fs22modhub.com
- fsmods.lt
- fs22mods.com
- fs22planet.com
- Fs22.com
- There are more, and you can usually recognize them since they have similar characteristics to the ones listed above. Just be mindful that if I didn't list it, it might be a pirate site

## Tips and Tricks for Finding Mods

If you've gone to a few of the abovementioned sites to search for a mod, but just haven't found it, here are some tips and tricks for using search engines to find them.

- If you are at the point where you want to Google search the mod, don't just search and pick the first link. First, be specific about what you search. I like to use a specific format when finding a mod. Since the Giants ModHub has very poor results when using their search bar, I instead go to my default browser's search engine (in my case, Google Chrome), and type in "FS19 \*mod name\* modhub", filling the asterisked parts with the specific brand and model number of the mod. This will almost always bring the ModHub link to the top of the search results, if it is on the ModHub. For mods that are on a third party site, simply search "FS19 \*mod name\*". But don't go clicking on just any link! First, open a link that may not be the official download site, but has a decent amount of information on the mod. Even though most pirate sites like fs19.net, fs19.org, etc. steal mods from the OG authors, they're oddly kind enough to put the credits to the actual modder. So visit one of those sites, and don't download, just see who made the mod. If it's a big name modder, you might know where their official page is from downloading a mod from them previously. If not, search their name with FS19 in the front on either Google or Facebook, and see if you can find it. This process can yield results most of the time. If you're at this point and still haven't located it, then you've put

enough time into finding a mod, and you can probably just ask in a helpful Discord server and get some friends to help. If a Google search didn't pull it up, then there's a good chance it could be a private mod too.

- If you want a good adblocker or virus checker, I use Malwarebytes, and it does a good job of blocking all the unnecessary ads and popups
  - This guide will help save a lot of wasted time you could have trying to talk with people and figure out where a mod came from, build skills for surfing the Internet for later mods, and help you find cool modders that you never knew existed.
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