



*“The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered more than \$381 million in federal program payments and loans to Louisiana farmers and ranchers during fiscal year 2015. Louisiana agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated employees and locally elected County Committees.”*

- Craig McCain, State Executive Director

## Commodity Loans & Program Payments: \$261.3 million

Louisiana producers received substantial monetary support during FY 2015 in the form of commodity and price support program payments.

### \$297,565 - Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP)

Direct payments provided income support to producers of eligible commodities based on production history (acreage and yields) and do not depend on the current production choices. Counter-cyclical payments were made when the effective price for eligible commodities is less than the target price.

### \$1,208,905 - Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE)

provided revenue-based payments as an alternative to receiving price-based counter-cyclical (CC) payments.

### \$36,035,125 - Cotton Transition Assistance Program (CTAP)

provided interim payments to cotton producers during the 2015 crop year in counties where the new Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX) was not available.

### \$220,291,141 - Commodity Loans

are available to eligible producers who use crops as collateral. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) makes loans for eligible commodities that are farm or warehouse stored.

### \$3,446,455- Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs)/Market Loan Gains

LDPs benefit producers who agree to forgo a commodity loan in return for a payment on the eligible commodity. Marketing Loan Gains are paid to producers who pledge MAL collateral to the CCC and repay for the commodity at a value less than the loan rate, which reduces CCC-owned surpluses.



## Conservation: \$21.9 million

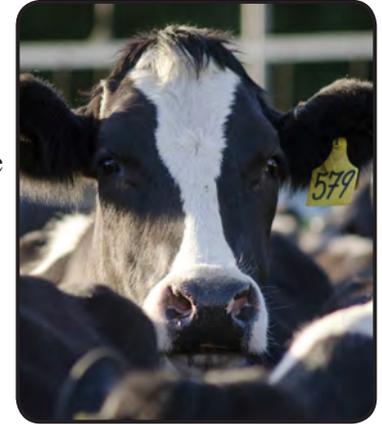
FSA made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in Louisiana. Conservation investments in FY 2015 include:

### \$21,836,558 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

provides financial incentives, cost-share and rental payments to producers who convert highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive acreage to long-term vegetative cover.

### \$3,037 - Dairy Margin Protection Program (MPP-Dairy)

offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.



#### Louisiana Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2014

	Value of receipts thousand	Percent of state total farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Soybeans	796,234	20.2	1.9
2. Broilers	573,037	14.5	1.8
3. Corn	467,717	11.9	0.8
4. Rice	460,506	11.7	13.0
5. Sugarcane	366,697	9.3	37.2
<b>All commodities</b>	<b>3,946,424</b>		<b>0.9</b>

#### Louisiana Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2014

	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Soybeans	15	499.4
2. Other plant products	14	314.7
3. Rice	3	258.9
4. Other livestock products	6	142.1
5. Soybean meal	15	114.9
<b>Overall rank</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,930.0</b>

Source: www.ers.usda.gov

**\$62,282 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)** is a voluntary program designed to protect grasslands from conversion to cropland or other uses and conserve valuable grasslands by maintaining viable ranching operations.

## Disaster Assistance: \$7.1 million

From drought to flood, freeze and tornadoes - FSA was financially responsive to Louisiana producers following natural disasters.

**\$166,357 - Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)** provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

**\$6,408,643 - Livestock Forage Program (LFP)** provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses for covered livestock on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or is planted specifically for grazing.

**\$125,240 - Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)** funds restoration of forestland damaged by 2011 drought and wildfires. Planted trees help reduce flood effects, protect water sources, decrease soil erosion and improve wildlife habitat.

**\$50,509 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** provides partial reimbursements to eligible livestock owners for livestock losses suffered due to a natural disaster or other emergency.

**\$379,125 - Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)** provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions.



## Farm Loans: \$90.9 million

FSA offered various loan options to Louisiana farmers and ranchers who manage family-sized operations and who were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

**\$65,866,229 - Guaranteed Loan Program** FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 95 percent of any loss if the loan fails. In FY 2015, FSA guaranteed 14 farm ownership loans and 140 operating loans including 66 loans to beginning producers and 54 loans to targeted underserved producers.

**\$18,184,701 - Direct Loan Program** FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2015, FSA funded nine farm ownership loans and 461 operating loans, including 68 youth loans, 277 loans to beginning producers and 272 loans to targeted underserved producers.

**\$6,803,230 - Microloans** are direct farm operating loans with a shortened application process and reduced paperwork designed to meet the needs of smaller, non-traditional, and niche type operations. In FY 2015, 230 microloans were issued.



## Louisiana FSA Program Payments by Parish

Includes commodity loans, program, conservation and disaster payments, as well as farm loan obligations

Acadia	\$5,452,582	East Carroll	\$7,825,879	Natchitoches	\$4,053,540	Union	\$4,133,572
Allen	\$1,538,337	East Feliciana	\$560,895	Ouachita	\$1,969,342	Vermilion	\$11,527,389
Ascension	\$3,000	Evangeline	\$10,122,301	Plaquemines	\$58,122	Vernon	\$212,527
Assumption	\$19,579,940	Franklin	\$15,355,433	Pointe Coupee	\$18,880,993	Washington	\$370,899
Avoyelles	\$6,714,495	Grant	\$660,878	Rapides	\$6,169,361	Webster	\$132,259
Beauregard	\$612,043	Iberia	\$56,814,053	Red River	\$1,650,640	W. Baton Rouge	\$239,403
Bienville	\$158,914	Iberville	\$9,824,542	Richland	\$9,290,670	West Carroll	\$11,141,589
Bossier	\$590,996	Jackson	\$132,340	Sabine	\$1,214,325	West Feliciana	\$104,245
Caddo	\$1,941,448	Jefferson	\$50,000	St. Helena	\$183,487	Winn	\$1,561,816
Calcasieu	\$2,785,576	Jefferson Davis	\$6,549,506	St. Landry	\$11,335,736		
Caldwell	\$2,161,409	Lafayette	\$4,433	St. Martin	\$28,472,517		
Cameron	\$722,944	Lafourche	\$20,042,898	St. Mary	\$50,333,682		
Catahoula	\$11,643,467	LaSalle	\$61,315	St. Tammany	\$101,311		
Claiborne	\$295,842	Lincoln	\$2,291,729	Tangipahoa	\$970,529		
Concordia	\$7,556,009	Livingston	\$24,080	Tensas	\$7,903,664		
DeSoto	\$737,120	Madison	\$8,881,601	Terrebonne	\$648,000		
E. Baton Rouge	\$91,154	Morehouse	\$6,247,646				

\*\*\*Counties not listed allocated less than \$1k in FSA federal farm program benefits.