



*“The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered more than \$438 million in federal program payments and loans to Colorado farmers and ranchers during FY 2014. Colorado agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated employees and locally elected County Committees.”*

*- Leland Swenson, State Executive Director*

## Commodity Loans & Program Payments: \$181.3 million

Colorado producers received substantial monetary support during FY 2014 in the form of commodity and price support program payments.

**\$63,697,116 - Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP)** Direct payments provide 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 are made when the effective price for eligible commodities is less than the target price.

**\$2,215,536 - Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)** Program provides revenue-based payments as an alternative to receiving price-based counter-cyclical (CC) payments.

**\$115,050,488 - 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.

**\$133,264 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC)** provides compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.



## Conservation: \$73.3 million

FSA made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water and wildlife resources in Colorado.

**\$72,370,447 - 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.

**\$51,110 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)** provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and carry out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

**\$203,948 - Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)** The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), through FSA, may make loans to producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities for eligible commodities.



Colorado Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2012*			
	Value of receipts million	Percent of state total farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Cattle & calves	3,663,529	48.0	5.4
2. Corn	939,395	12.3	1.4
3. Dairy products	593,526	7.8	1.6
4. Wheat	532,398	7.0	3.5
5. Hay	461,743	6.0	6.4
<b>All commodities</b>	<b>7,638,232</b>		<b>1.9</b>

\*Top agriculture commodities data (above) will be updated with 2013 data by ERS in the fall of 2015.

Colorado Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2013		
	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Other plant products	16	425.1
2. Beef & veal	5	333.1
3. Wheat	15	236.1
4. Hides & skins	7	133.8
5. Feeds & fodder	15	129.1
<b>Overall rank</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,795.0</b>

Source: www.ers.usda.gov

**\$860,329 - 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: \$117.0 million

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

**\$15,880,218 - 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.

**\$99,535,518 - Livestock Forage Disaster 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.

**\$91,243 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** provides partial reimbursements for livestock losses caused by eligible adverse weather events that occurred between January 2, 2008 and October 1, 2011.

**\$85,221 - 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.

**\$94,764 - Tree Assistance Program for Orchardists and Nursery Tree Growers (TAP)** provides financial assistance to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

**\$16,966 - Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)** helps the owners of non-industrial private forests restore forest health damaged by natural disasters. The EFRP does this by authorizing payments to owners of private forests to restore disaster damaged forests.

**\$1,266,861 - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment (SURE)** provides benefits for 2008 through 2011 crop year farm revenue losses due to natural disasters. It was the 2008 Farm Bill's successor to prior ad hoc crop disaster programs.



## Farm Loans: \$66.5 million

*FSA offers various loan options to eligible Colorado farmers and ranchers who manage family-sized operations and who were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.*

**\$33,031,008 - 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 2014, FSA guaranteed 50 farm ownership loans and 77 operating loans including 45 loans to beginning producers and 14 loans to targeted underserved producers.

**\$32,939,058 - Direct Loan Program** FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2014, FSA funded 70 farm ownership loans and 315 operating loans, including 34 youth loans, 213 loans to beginning producers and 71 loans to targeted underserved producers.

**\$573,630 - 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 2014, 27 microloans were issued.

### Colorado FSA Program Payments by County

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

Adams*	\$ 111,079,905	Denver	\$ 38,551	La Plata	\$ 1,270,428	Prowers	\$18,672,272
Alamosa	\$ 2,802,162	Dolores	\$ 1,706,428	Larimer	\$ 1,768,301	Pueblo	\$ 9,578,461
Arapahoe	\$ 2,534,930	Douglas	\$ 553,042	Las Animas	\$11,800,983	Rio Blanco	\$ 777,284
Archuleta	\$ 197,071	Eagle	\$ 368,043	Lincoln	\$17,388,247	Rio Grande	\$ 2,922,895
Baca	\$ 23,014,492	Elbert	\$ 7,563,814	Logan	\$17,125,263	Routt	\$ 1,082,630
Bent	\$ 10,023,812	El Paso	\$ 3,376,856	Mesa	\$ 2,553,140	Saguache	\$ 5,789,935
Boulder	\$ 487,661	Fremont	\$ 2,210,995	Moffat	\$ 2,929,976	San Miguel	\$ 159,437
Broomfield	\$ 7,872	Garfield	\$ 819,353	Montezuma	\$ 5,912,209	Sedgwick	\$ 7,697,855
Chafee	\$ 182,266	Grand	\$ 108,901	Montrose	\$ 2,651,279	Teller	\$ 3,437
Cheyenne	\$ 12,315,020	Gunnison	\$ 44,776	Morgan	\$10,037,152	Washington	\$22,487,463
Conejos	\$ 6,414,638	Huerfano	\$ 1,419,381	Otero	\$12,779,032	Weld	\$16,415,500
Costilla	\$ 517,772	Jackson	\$ 170,865	Ouray	\$ 232	Yuma	\$24,015,047
Crowley	\$ 8,441,567	Kiowa	\$16,059,225	Park	\$ 50,388		
Custer	\$ 1,266,952	Kit Carson	\$19,212,764	Phillips	\$ 7,846,812		
Delta	\$ 1,298,016	Lake	\$ 5,390	Pitkin	\$ 373		

\*Adams Co. total includes \$107 million in sugar loans for Colorado