



# FSA At Work Across Washington - FY 2011

"The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered over **\$382.9 million** in federal program payments and loans to Washington farmers and ranchers during FY 2011. Our State's agricultural industry benefits greatly every year from the tireless efforts of our dedicated FSA staff and County Committee members."

**Judy Olson, State Executive Director**

## Commodity and Price Support Programs : **\$160.4 million**

Washington growers participated in a variety of commodity assistance programs during FY 2011. These programs provide additional risk management tools for producers to deal with the continuing high input costs, considerable market volatility and other challenges.

### **\$36,563,467 - 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.

**\$109,094,212 - Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)** is a revenue-based payment alternative to the price-based counter-cyclical (CC) payments. It provides limited direct payments not dependent on yield and price and ACRE payments that do depend on yield and price.



**\$9,887,489 - Commodity Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) and Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL).** Commodity Loans are available to eligible producers who use crops as collateral. LDPs benefit producers who agree to forgo a commodity loan in return for a payment on the eligible commodity. These programs provide marketing tools to avoid selling when the crop prices are typically the lowest. FSFLs assist producers in maintaining commodities they grow in marketable condition.

**\$327,764 - Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Payment program (DELAP)** provided recovery assistance funds in three phases to dairy producers who experienced an industry-wide economic downturn for the last few years. DELAP was funded by a special congressional Agricultural Appropriations Bill in 2010.

**\$61,147 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC)** provides compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.

**\$4,462,569 - Asparagus Loss Assistance Program (ALAP) and Trade Adjustment Assistance Program for Farmers (TAAF)** provided partial recovery funds and retraining to asparagus farmers and catfish farmers (for TAA) who have been adversely affected by U. S. trade policies and foreign assistance programs.

## Conservation and Habitat Protection: **\$87.1 million**

FSA made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in Washington. The Conservation Reserve Program is the USDA's largest and most effective environmental improvements program.

**\$84,429,472 - 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.

**\$286,599 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)** provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by naturally occurring disasters including fire and flood and carry out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.



**\$56,998 - Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)** was authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill to provide matching payments to those producers, entities or contractors who collect, harvest, store and transport eligible biomass materials to qualified Biomass

Conversion Facilities. In the second phase of this program, incentives were structured to encourage the planting and cultivation of crops that are prime feedstocks for energy production at qualified biomass conversion facilities.

**\$2,305,510 - Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP)** provides similar financial incentives for the protection, restoration and enhancement of grasslands habitat by farmers and ranchers.

## Disaster Assistance for Farms and Ranches: \$49.1 million

Washington producers have suffered crop and livestock losses due to flood, freeze, fire and wind damage. FSA helps agricultural operations recover from these devastating natural disasters by extending several financial assistance options to growers.

**\$47,403,133 - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE)** is a recent disaster assistance program approved by Congress in the 2008 Farm Bill. Washington growers suffering losses due to natural disasters received financial assistance to recover and rebuild their operations.

**\$873,024- Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)** provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, crop damage, or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

**\$35,024 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** provides funds



to eligible producers who suffered livestock losses due to natural disasters.

**\$468,451 - Livestock Forage Program (LFP)** provides funds to eligible producers who suffered losses on grazing land due to drought. This recent Farm Bill program focuses on drought severity determined by the national Drought Monitor.

**\$243,760 - Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)** provides assistance to eligible producers who have suffered losses in these commodity areas. This new 2008 Farm Bill program is designed to aid in the reduction of losses not covered by other FSA disaster programs.

**\$235,520 - Tree Assistance Program (TA)** provides financial assistance to qualifying orchard operators to replace trees, bushes and vines lost due to natural disasters.

## Farm Operating and Ownership Loans: \$85.3 million

In Washington, FSA obligated **\$85,327,000** in direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans and youth loans in 2011. FSA made loans to eligible, family-sized operations which were temporarily unable to obtain commercial credit.

**\$5,4756,000 - Guaranteed Loan Program** FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 90 or 95 percent of any loss if the loan fails. In FY 2011, FSA guaranteed 43 farm ownership loans and 150 operating loans.

**\$26,631,000- Direct Loan Program** FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2011, FSA funded 19 direct farm ownership loans and 312 direct operating loans.

**Targeted Funding for the Future** - FSA in Washington is proud of its accomplishments in reaching out to minority

populations and underserved areas. Nearly one third (29.1%) of Washington FSA's lending went to socially disadvantaged farmers last year through 153 farm and ranch loans for a total of \$16.9 million. In addition, 217 loans went to beginning farmers and 63 went to young farmers.



### 2011 Farm Program Payments by County - Note: does not include farm loans or adjustments from prior year programs.

ADAMS	\$28,216,089	FRANKLIN	\$12,673,197	LEWIS	\$501,139	SNOHOMISH	\$567,850
ASOTIN	\$3,468,128	GARFIELD	\$10,894,017	LINCOLN	\$48,745,372	SPOKANE	\$15,658,784
BENTON	\$10,537,428	GRANT	\$18,775,30	MASON	\$26,560	STEVENS	\$371,869
CHELAN	\$174,444	GRAYS HARBOR	\$51,483	OKANOGAN	\$1,717,908	THURSTON	\$2,250,698
CLALLAM	\$41,471	ISLAND	\$65,471	PACIFIC	\$32,043	WAHIAKUM	\$77,429
CLARK	\$46,045	JEFFERSON	\$47,924	PEND OREILLE	\$13,928	WALLA WALLA	\$27,220,395
COLUMBIA	\$12,376,494	KING	\$21,256	PIERCE	\$4,751	WHATCOM	\$1,901,545
COWLITZ	\$9,526	KITSAP	\$4,901	SAN JUAN	\$0	WHITMAN	\$65,788,846
DOUGLAS	\$20,778,566	KITTITAS	\$654,586	SKAGIT	\$1,153,079	YAKIMA	\$7,331,466
FERRY	\$106,379	Klickitat	\$5,336,793	SKAMANIA	\$0		

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