



"The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered more than \$131 million in federal program payments and loans to Pennsylvania farmers and ranchers during fiscal year 2014. Pennsylvania agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated employees and locally elected County Committees."

- Bill L. Wehry, State Executive Director

Commodity Loans & Program Payments: \$34.9 million

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

\$19,173,792 - 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.

\$279,506 - Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) provides revenue-based payments as an alternative to receiving price-based counter-cyclical (CC) payments.

\$520,750 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) provides compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.



\$12,834,436 - 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.

\$2,093,075 - 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.

Pennsylvania Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2012

| | Value of receipts thousand | Percent of state total farm receipts | Percent of US value |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Dairy products | 2,086,800 | 30.4 | 5.6 |
| 2. Corn | 713,616 | 10.4 | 1.0 |
| 3. Cattle & calves | 705,548 | 10.3 | 1.0 |
| 4. Chicken eggs | 525,166 | 7.6 | 6.7 |
| 5. Broilers | 432,600 | 6.3 | 1.7 |
| All commodities | 6,868,357 | | 1.7 |

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

Pennsylvania Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2013

| | Rank among states | Value million \$ |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Other plant products | 5 | 871.6 |
| 2. Dairy products | 5 | 378.0 |
| 3. Poultry products | 11 | 191.0 |
| 4. Soybeans | 19 | 166.2 |
| 5. Feeds & fodder | 19 | 106.6 |
| Overall rank | 21 | 2,386.3 |

Source: www.ers.usda.gov

Conservation: \$21.3 million

FSA made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in Pennsylvania. Conservation investments in FY 2014 include:

\$21,103,704 - 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.

\$13,095 - 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.

\$150,230 - 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.

\$12,933 - The Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) provides financial assistance to owners and operators of agricultural and non-industrial private forest land who wish to establish, produce and deliver biomass feedstocks.

Disaster Assistance: \$321.3 thousand

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

\$238,660 - 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.

\$33,239 - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment (SURE) provides benefits for 2008 through 2011 crop year farm revenue losses due to natural disasters. It is the 2008 Farm Bill's successor to prior ad hoc crop disaster programs.

\$49,435 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides partial reimbursements to eligible livestock owners for livestock losses suffered due to a natural disaster or other emergency.



Farm Loans: \$74.7 million

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

\$28,944,451 - 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 56 farm ownership loans and 60 operating loans including 43 loans to beginning producers and 37 loans to socially disadvantaged producers.

\$44,165,085 - Direct Loan Program FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2014, FSA funded 81 farm ownership loans and 478 operating loans, including 35 youth loans, 285 loans to beginning producers and 246 loans to socially disadvantaged producers.

\$1,615,374 - 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, 78 microloans were issued.

Pennsylvania FSA Program Payments by County

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

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|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Adams | \$2,244,555 | Delaware | \$16,848 | Monroe | \$105,375 |
| Allegheny | \$20,323 | Elk | \$35,072 | Montgomery | \$211,554 |
| Armstrong | \$1,405,880 | Erie | \$1,479,243 | Montour | \$1,434,153 |
| Beaver | \$525,108 | Fayette | \$1,608,307 | Northampton | \$1,711,502 |
| Bedford | \$3,577,778 | Forest | \$11,152 | Northumberland | \$5,806,485 |
| Berks | \$3,697,378 | Franklin | \$3,212,839 | Perry | \$3,303,923 |
| Blair | \$3,472,719 | Fulton | \$2,735,866 | Pike | \$14,126 |
| Bradford | \$5,335,294 | Greene | \$62,685 | Potter | \$2,016,406 |
| Bucks | \$835,947 | Huntington | \$2,513,198 | Schuylkill | \$2,280,637 |
| Butler | \$2,146,460 | Indiana | \$3,621,123 | Snyder | \$4,367,494 |
| Cambria | \$1,749,838 | Jefferson | \$536,959 | Somerset | \$3,953,618 |
| Cameron | \$33,866 | Juniata | \$3,901,380 | Sullivan | \$349,303 |
| Carbon | \$257,478 | Lackawanna | \$436,827 | Susquehanna | \$931,146 |
| Centre | \$3,276,604 | Lancaster | \$5,842,335 | Tioga | \$2,798,206 |
| Chester | \$1,581,905 | Lawrence | \$648,064 | Union | \$2,269,253 |
| Clarion | \$1,959,670 | Lebanon | \$1,695,920 | Venango | \$493,884 |
| Clearfield | \$555,041 | Lehigh | \$1,463,908 | Warren | \$389,998 |
| Clinton | \$2,905,070 | Luzerne | \$1,448,018 | Washington | \$2,388,146 |
| Columbia | \$3,117,428 | Lycoming | \$4,444,051 | Wayne | \$694,577 |
| Crawford | \$1,063,903 | McKean | \$242,888 | Westmoreland | \$2,013,844 |
| Cumberland | \$4,780,891 | Mercer | \$4,047,101 | Wyoming | \$306,318 |
| Dauphin | \$2,108,984 | Mifflin | \$972,475 | York | \$3,904,013 |

*** Counties not listed paid out less than \$1K in FSA benefits.

