



# FSA At Work Across Alaska in 2013

"During 2013, the USDA Farm Service Agency has delivered over **\$2,022,789** in federal program payments and loans to Alaska farmers and ranchers. Every year, our State's agricultural community benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated FSA staff and County Committee members." Danny Consenstein, State Executive Director 907 761-7738

## Farm Operating and Ownership Loans: **\$558,150**

During FY 2013, Alaska FSA obligated direct farm loans to 19 producers. These funds provided the capital necessary to keep them working. FSA provides a variety of financial assistance options for eligible Alaska producers who manage family-sized operations and are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit, including direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans, emergency loans and youth loans.



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## 2013 UPDATE: Alaska Farmers Get Help with High Costs

USDA focused attention on producers in Alaska and Hawaii during 2013 for a "cost-reimbursement" program that provided some relief from the high transportation costs in these remote regions. In 2013, farmers and ranchers in Alaska were helped by

the **Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program (RTCP)** as authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. **\$397,217** was provided to Alaskan growers of agricultural commodities in the state's "geographically disadvantaged" regions as partial recovery of costs.

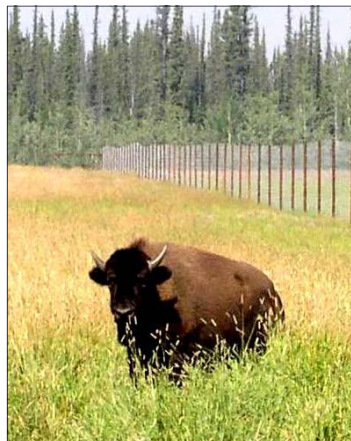
## Conservation and Habitat Protection: **\$814,606**

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

**\$783,304 - 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.

**\$31,302- Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) and other Conservation Programs** - funds are used to restore and preserve sensitive native grassland, pastureland and certain others sensitive areas. The program conserves vulnerable grasslands from conversion to cropland and other uses while

reducing erosion and improving wildlife habitat. Some limited agricultural uses are allowed and easement or rental contract options are available.



## Disaster Assistance for Farms and Ranches: **\$68,459**

**\$9,613 - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)** Created by the 2008 Farm Bill as an improvement over the prior ad-hoc funding for disaster assistance, this program provides a source of ongoing funding for farmers and ranchers who experience significant losses or damage due to natural, weather-related disasters.

**\$58,846 - Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program (NAP)** provides financial assistance to producers of non-insured crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.



### ALASKA'S TOP FIVE AG COMMODITIES

|                        | Value of Receipts in \$ Millions | Percent of State Total Receipts |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Greenhouse / Nursery   | \$ 13.00                         | 42.3                            |
| Hay                    | \$ 4.06                          | 13.2                            |
| Cattle / Calves        | \$ 2.42                          | 7.9                             |
| Potatoes               | \$ 2.38                          | 7.7                             |
| Dairy                  | \$ 1.61                          | 5.2                             |
| <b>All Commodities</b> | <b>\$ 30.75</b>                  |                                 |

### ALASKA'S TOP FIVE AG EXPORTS

|                        | Rank Among States | Dollar Value of Receipts |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Other                  | 47                | \$4,000,000              |
| Seeds                  | 47                | \$600,000                |
| Feed grains / products | 43                | \$300,000                |
| Live animals / meat    | 47                | \$200,000                |
| Hide and skins         | 44                | Less than \$100,000      |
| <b>Overall Rank</b>    | <b>50</b>         | <b>\$5,100,000</b>       |

USDA - Economic Research Service (ERS) State Facts - 2010

## Commodity / Price Support Programs : **\$184,357**

**\$110,369 - 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.

**\$15,707 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC)** - This program provides for dairies a degree of protection from extreme market price fluctuations that can occur in milk and milk product prices.

**\$58,281 - Trade Adjustment Assistance** - Producers of raw agricultural commodities and fishery products that are determined by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) administrator to have been adversely affected by imports may apply for technical assistance and cash payments under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Farmers program.



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