



FSA AT WORK ACROSS MONTANA 2015



“The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered more than \$243.1 million in federal program payments and loans to Montana farmers and ranchers during fiscal year 2015. Montana agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated employees and locally elected County Committees.”

- Bruce Nelson, State Executive Director

Commodity Loans & Program Payments: \$56.4 million

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

\$223,759 - 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.

\$3,786 - Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) provides revenue-based payments as an alternative to receiving price-based counter-cyclical (CC) payments.



\$53,522,770 - 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.

\$2,681,064 - 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.

Montana Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2014

	Value of receipts thousand	Percent of state total farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Cattle & Calves	1,999,274	43.2	2.5
2. Wheat	1,341,078	29.0	10.7
3. Hay	390,240	8.4	4.6
4. Barley	241,181	5.2	25.1
5. Dry Peas	97,913	2.1	45.4
All commodities	4,625,781		1.1

Montana Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2014

	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Wheat	3	812.2
2. Beef & Veal	11	175.5
3. Feeds & Other Feed Grains	20	104.2
4. Grain Products, Processed	14	88.1
5. Other Plant Products	39	77.4
Overall rank	31	1,522.2

Source: www.ers.usda.gov

Conservation: \$56.3 million

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

\$55,354,833 - 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.

\$413,934 - 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.

\$456,512 - 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.

\$58,983 - 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: \$38.9 million

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

\$818,922 - 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.

\$152,714 - 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.

\$1,212,624 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides partial reimbursements to eligible livestock owners for livestock losses suffered due to a natural disaster or other emergency.

\$34,078,427 - 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.

\$2,681,064 - 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: \$91.4 million

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

\$54,033,636 - 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 72 farm ownership loans and 98 operating loans including 63 loans to beginning producers and 22 loans to targeted underserved producers.

\$221,300 - Emergency Loan Program helps producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine.

\$36,111,862 - Direct Loan Program FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2015, FSA funded 52 farm ownership loans and 331 operating loans, including 40 youth loans, 174 loans to beginning producers and 124 loans to targeted underserved producers.

\$1,074,560 - 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, 38 microloans were issued.

Montana FSA Program Payments by County

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

Beaverhead	\$ 5,044,144	Granite	\$ 680,925	Ravalli	\$ 22,148
Big Horn	\$ 7,213,738	Hill	\$ 9,386,168	Richland	\$ 6,124,332
Blaine	\$ 9,570,436	Jefferson	\$ 930,614	Roosevelt	\$ 5,682,291
Broadwater	\$ 2,552,328	Judith Basin	\$ 4,026,039	Rosebud	\$ 5,416,319
Carbon	\$ 1,456,185	Lake	\$ 3,990,875	Sanders	\$ 2,661,280
Carter	\$ 2,730,616	Lewis & Clark	\$ 112,664	Sheridan	\$ 4,805,958
Cascade	\$ 8,053,906	Liberty	\$ 5,509,550	Silver Bow	\$ 31,602
Chouteau	\$18,222,818	Madison	\$ 3,161,896	Stillwater	\$ 3,975,020
Custer	\$ 2,727,363	McCone	\$ 4,704,644	Sweet Grass	\$ 1,073,260
Daniels	\$14,049,881	Meagher	\$ 771,323	Teton	\$ 9,044,586
Dawson	\$ 3,865,536	Missoula	\$ 7,656	Toole	\$ 7,735,718
Deer Lodge	\$ 226,664	Musselshell	\$ 3,142,327	Treasure	\$ 871,828
Fallon	\$ 1,828,876	Park	\$ 1,357,393	Valley	\$14,642,852
Fergus	\$10,092,253	Petroleum	\$ 543,704	Wheatland	\$ 3,122,763
Flathead	\$ 1,286,161	Phillips	\$13,533,718	Wibaux	\$ 317,721
Gallatin	\$ 1,875,637	Pondera	\$ 5,766,695	Yellowstone	\$ 5,372,484
Garfield	\$ 3,024,367	Powder River	\$ 2,498,698	***Counties not listed paid out less than \$1K in FSA benefits.	
Glacier	\$10,191,139	Powell	\$ 1,804,310		
Golden Valley	\$ 3,811,565	Prairie	\$ 1,297,632		

