



FSA At Work Across Hawaii & Pacific Basin -

"The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered over **\$16.8 million** in federal program payments and loans to Hawaii and the Pacific Basin's farmers and ranchers during FY 2010. Farm Service Agency is committed to serving the farmers and ranchers of our region by providing them support in times of economic insecurity or natural disasters and to expand their businesses."

Diane Ley, State Executive Director

Conservation and Habitat Protection: \$289,716 FSA made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in Hawaii. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is the USDA's single largest, most effective environmental improvement program. The Hawaii Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (HI CREP) is part of USDA's CRP tailored for Hawaii's producers.

\$9,903 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and carry out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

\$252,797 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) and other Conservation Programs funds are used to restore and preserve sensitive native grassland, pastureland and certain other 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.



\$27,016 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Hawaii CREP provides financial incentives, cost-share and rental payments to producers who convert highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive acreage to long-term tree and/or vegetative cover.

Farm Operating and Ownership Loans: \$6.2 million

FSA obligated \$6,156,810 in direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans, emergency loans and youth loans to eligible producers who manage family-sized operations and were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

\$2,002,900 - In FY 2010, **103 Farm Operating Loans (Direct and Guaranteed)** were completed and provided capital for Hawaii and Pacific Basin farmers to plant crops, purchase livestock or reorganize their operations.

\$4,071,660 - During this same fiscal year, **8 Farm Ownership Loans (Direct and Guaranteed)** were completed to assist Hawaii and Pacific Basin producers to purchase farm property or to make real estate improvements.

Of these Direct and Guaranteed Loans, \$2.7 million were Special Qualified Loans. Farm Service Agency focuses credit resources on underserved groups and in FY 2010, FSA made 97 loans to minority and women farmers and 36 loans to beginning farmers. In addition, 25 Youth Loans were funded.



Disaster Assistance and Price Support: \$10,371,049

In 2010, Hawaii and Pacific Basin producers suffered losses on farms and ranches due to natural disasters such as drought, flood, and VOG. Dairy producers also suffered income losses due to adverse market conditions. FSA helps operations recover from natural disasters and other negative conditions by extending several financial assistance options to growers.

Disaster Assistance

\$224,267 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) compensates producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather.

\$8,869,417 - Livestock Forage Program (LFP) provides financial assistance to producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought.

\$343,776 - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disaster.

\$879,182 - Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops in the event of weather-related crop losses.



Price Support

\$15,867 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.

\$38,539 - Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Payment (DELAP) Program provides a one-time payment to assist dairy producers who have recently experienced low milk prices and high production costs.



2010 Farm Program Payments by County

Hawaii \$ 8,648,740 | Kauai \$ 581,338 Honolulu \$ 258,942 | Maui \$ 1,165,569 Guam \$ 6,110

Farm loans and prior year program adjustments not included.

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