



“The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered nearly \$13.1 million in federal program payments and loans to Massachusetts farmers and growers during fiscal year 2014. Massachusetts agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated employees and locally elected County Committees.”

- Jonathan D. Niedzielski, State Executive Director

Commodity Program Payments: \$1,434,260

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

\$273,022 - 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.

\$26,412 - Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) provides revenue-based payments as an alternative to receiving price-based counter-cyclical (CC) payments.

\$29,849 - 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.

\$150 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) provides compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.



\$1,074,782 - Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) provides technical assistance and cash payments to producers of products that were adversely affected by imports.

\$30,045 - Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), through FSA, makes loans to producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities for eligible commodities.

Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2012

	Value of receipts thousand	Percent of state total farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Greenhouse/nursery	156,300	30.6	1.0
2. Cranberries	99,846	19.6	25.9
3. Dairy products	43,400	8.5	0.1
4. Apples	19,583	3.8	0.6
5. Aquaculture	17,025	3.3	1.3
All commodities	510,006		0.1

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

Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2013

	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Other plant products	37	153.6
2. Fruits and nuts, processed	16	33.8
3. Other livestock products	40	25.3
4. Fruits, fresh	16	16.1
5. Vegetables, processed	34	13.9
Overall rank	44	263.5

Source: www.ers.usda.gov

Conservation: \$60,763

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

\$2,052 - 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.

\$28,443 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding for farmers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters, and to enact emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

\$30,268 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program designed to protect grasslands from conversion to cropland or other uses.



Disaster Assistance: \$684,590

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

\$420,728 - 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.

\$6,369 - 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.

\$4,345 - Tree Assistance Program for Orchardists and Nursery Tree Growers (TAP) provides financial assistance to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

\$253,148 - Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) funds restoration of forestland damaged by natural disaster. Planted trees help reduce flood effects, protect water sources, decrease soil erosion and improve wildlife habitat.



Farm Loans: \$10,901,740

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

\$4,382,950 - 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 12 farm ownership loans and 11 operating loans including nine loans to beginning farmers and six loans to targeted underserved producers.

\$613,250 - Microloans are direct farm operating loans (maximum of \$50,000) with a shortened application process and reduced paperwork designed to meet the needs of smaller, non-traditional, and niche type operations. In FY 2014, 35 microloans were issued.

\$5,800,950 - Direct Loan Program FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2014, FSA funded 11 farm ownership loans and 79 operating loans, including 47 loans to beginning farmers and 29 loans to targeted underserved producers.

\$104,590 - Emergency Loan Program helps producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine.

Massachusetts FSA Program Payments by County

Includes commodity, conservation, disaster program payments and farm loan obligations

Barnstable	\$ 928,224
Berkshire	\$ 269,616
Bristol	\$ 2,479,314
Dukes	\$ 7,875
Essex	\$ 2,154,102
Franklin	\$ 803,458
Hampden	\$ 1,377,474
Hampshire	\$ 1,797,272
Middlesex	\$ 234,253
Nantucket	\$ 36,665
Norfolk	\$ 180,283
Plymouth	\$ 746,524
Suffolk	\$ 8,801
Worcester	\$ 2,326,918

