## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250

For: FSA Offices

## FY 2010 Funding for Operating Under a Continuing Resolution (CR)

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#### 1 Overview

#### A Background

On October 1, 2009, the President signed Pub. L. 111-68, the FY 2010 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, which includes a CR to fund the operations of agencies such as USDA that lack regular appropriations at the beginning of FY 2010. The CR is effective October 1, 2009, through October 31, 2009, or until a regular appropriations act is in place.

The House of Representatives and the Senate have both passed agriculture appropriations bills, and a conference agreement has been reached to reconcile the differences between the two versions. The conference agreement must be adopted by the House and Senate and signed by the President before becoming law.

#### **B** Purpose

This notice provides general guidance for FSA operations during the CR period.

Disposal Date	Distribution
February 1, 2010	All FSA Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

## 2 Guidance

# A FLP Funds

Direct operating and farm ownership funds will be held in the National Office reserve.

The following funds may be obligated as loans are approved:

- guaranteed operating, unsubsidized
- guaranteed farm ownership
- guaranteed operating with interest assistance.

Once carryover balances are apportioned by OMB, emergency loans may be obligated as loans are approved in designated areas.

Any funds allotted from October 1, 2009, through October 31, 2009, will be considered part of the State's annual allocation for FY 2010.

# **B** Appropriated Programs

Obligations and payments for ECP are authorized using the carryover unobligated balance brought forward from FY 2009.

Obligations and payments for DIPP are authorized using the carryover unobligated balance brought forward from FY 2009. State Offices may request new allocations from available FY 2010 funding at the National Office level.

Funds provided under CR for the State Mediation Grant, Grassroots Source Water Protection, and Reforestation Pilot Programs will be held at the National Office level. Further instructions on FY 2010 obligations for these program will be forthcoming.

### C CCC-Funded Programs

Full CRP rental and C/S payments will be made. Instructions for making FY 2010 CRP rental payments are provided in Notice CRP-641.

Continue making other CCC program payments with no restrictions.

### 2 Guidance (Continued)

#### **D** National, State, and Field Office Salaries and Expenses

During the CR period, Offices are requested to continue to operate at the FY 2009-funded levels and to be fiscally responsible in all areas of funding. Since the CR is through October 31, the entire Agency must operate at one-twelfth of the total FY 2009 salaries and expenses (S&E) appropriated level.

The distribution amounts and specific guidance for the FY 2010 S&E allotments will be issued in the near future.

Note: Notice FI-2923 provides instructions about travel during the CR period.

The line of accounting for coding any financial documents must be 14 characters, in the form "ABBCCCCCDDEEEE", where the characters are defined as follows.

Digit Position	Definition
A, first character	The last digit of the fiscal year. For
	FY 2010, this digit is "0".
BB, second and third characters	The fund code:
	• "84" for Federal
	• "87" for non-Federal county.
CCCCC, fourth through eighth characters	The 5-position alpha-numeric organization
	code.
DD, ninth and tenth characters	The sub-object code.
	Note: See 98-FI, Exhibit 27.
EEEE, eleventh through fourteenth	The project code.
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	Note: See 98-FI, Exhibits 22 and 23.