



FSA AT WORK ACROSS NEW JERSEY 2014



“The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered nearly \$14.0 million in federal program payments and loans to New Jersey farmers and growers during fiscal year 2014. New Jersey agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated employees and locally elected County Committees.”

- Paul Hlubik, State Executive Director

Commodity Program Payments: \$3,736,105

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

\$2,246,224 - 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.

\$766,926 - 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.

\$5,225 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) provides compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.

\$717,730 - 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	444,761	39.0	2.9
2. Blueberries	80,805	7.1	9.5
3. Corn	56,211	4.9	0.1
4. Soybeans	44,830	3.9	0.1
5. Peaches	39,600	3.5	6.3
All commodities	1,139,186		0.3

*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	19	342.0
2. Fruits & nuts, processed	13	53.1
3. Vegetables, processed	21	38.0
4. Other animal products	39	25.2
5. Fruits, fresh	13	22.3
Overall rank	37	566.4

Source: www.ers.usda.gov

Conservation: \$686,719

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

\$360,105 - 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.

\$38,983 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program designed to protect grasslands from conversion to cropland or other uses.

\$105,930 - 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.

\$181,701 - Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) funds restoration of forestland damaged by 2011 drought and wildfires. Planted trees help reduce flood effects, protect water sources, decrease soil erosion and improve wildlife habitat.

Disaster Assistance: \$888,165

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

\$861,503 - 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.

\$5,640 - 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.

\$16,784 - 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.

\$4,238 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides partial reimbursements to eligible livestock owners for livestock losses suffered due to a natural disaster or other emergency.



Farm Loans: \$9,086,390

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

\$2,901,000 - Guaranteed Loan Program FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 95 percent of any loss if the loan fails.

\$5,050,210 - Direct Loan Program FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2014, FSA funded six farm ownership loans and 69 operating loans, including 42 loans to beginning farmers and 16 loans to targeted underserved producers.

\$775,630 - Emergency Loan Program helps producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine. In FY 2014, six emergency loans were issued.

\$359,550 - 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, 19 microloans were issued.

New Jersey FSA Program Payments by County

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

Atlantic	\$ 933,500
Burlington	\$ 1,068,064
Camden	\$ 58,718
Cape May	\$ 1,085
Cumberland	\$ 1,577,535
Gloucester	\$ 1,384,782
Hunterdon	\$ 796,162
Mercer	\$ 416,741
Middlesex	\$ 137,830
Monmouth	\$ 373,830
Morris	\$ 70,328
Ocean	\$ 52,044
Salem	\$ 1,880,761
Somerset	\$ 89,698
Sussex	\$ 598,340
Warren	\$ 888,150

