



# FSA AT WORK ACROSS NEW JERSEY 2015



*“The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered more than \$8 million in federal program payments and loans to New Jersey farmers and growers during fiscal year 2015. 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: \$1.5 million

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

**\$1,362,452 - 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.

**\$928 - Margin Protection Program (MPP-Dairy)** offers protection when the difference between the all milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.



**\$151,500 - 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, 2014**

	Value of receipts thousand	Percent of state total farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Miscellaneous Crops	274,160	26.8	1.5
2. Floriculture	196,190	19.2	4.8
3. Blueberries	77,793	7.6	8.8
4. All Other Animals & Products	51,802	5.1	0.9
5. Corn	45,452	4.4	0.1
<b>All commodities</b>	<b>1,023,281</b>		<b>0.2</b>

**Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2014**

	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Other Plant Products	15	304.9
2. Fruits, Fresh	10	38.1
3. Vegetables, Processed	20	38.0
4. Fruits, Processed	10	34.2
5. Other Livestock Products	36	26.7
<b>Overall rank</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>531.3</b>

Source: [www.ers.usda.gov](http://www.ers.usda.gov)

## Conservation: \$1.0 million

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

**\$383,461 - 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.

**\$25,987 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)** is a voluntary program designed to protect grasslands from conversion to cropland or other uses.

**\$6,917 - 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.

**\$614,298 - Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)** funds restored forestland damaged by 2012 Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) infestation and Superstorm Sandy. Planted trees help reduce flood effects, protect water sources, decrease soil erosion and improve wildlife habitat.

## Disaster Assistance: \$679.0 thousand

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

**\$336,634 - 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.

**\$176,594 - 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.

**\$1,508 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** provides partial reimbursements to eligible livestock owners for livestock losses suffered due to a natural disaster or other emergency.

**\$164,301 - 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: \$4.8 million

*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.*

**\$911,000 - Guaranteed Loan Program** FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 95 percent of any loss if the loan fails.

**\$3,520,780 - Direct Loan Program** FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2015, FSA funded 52 farm ownership loans, including 27 loans to beginning farmers and 13 loans to targeted underserved producers.

**\$385,800 - 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 2015, 17 microloans were issued.

### New Jersey FSA Program Payments by County

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

Atlantic	\$ 501,605
Burlington	\$ 198,645
Camden	\$ 51,602
Cumberland	\$ 617,734
Gloucester	\$ 755,782
Hunterdon	\$ 869,165
Mercer	\$ 38,226
Middlesex	\$ 178,868
Monmouth	\$ 5,545
Morris	\$ 63,528
Ocean	\$ 109,726
Salem	\$ 2,412,118
Somerset	\$ 104,879
Sussex	\$ 395,072
Warren	\$ 612,574

\*\*\*Counties not listed paid out less than \$1k in FSA benefits.

