



“The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered more than \$113.6 million in federal program payments and loans to Pennsylvania farmers and ranchers during fiscal year 2015. Pennsylvania agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated employees and locally elected County Committees.”

- Bill L. Wehry, State Executive Director

Commodity Loans & Program Payments: \$17.0 million

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

\$40,867 - 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.

\$10,141 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) provides compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.

\$28,196 - 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.



\$15,158,269 - 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.

\$1,731,528 - Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), through FSA, may make loans to producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities for eligible commodities.

Pennsylvania Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2014			
	Value of receipts thousand	Percent of state total farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Dairy Products, Milk	2,728,569	32.9	5.5
2. Cattle & Calves	904,395	10.9	1.1
3. Chicken Eggs	715,299	8.6	7.0
4. Broilers	635,216	7.7	1.9
5. Corn	593,545	7.2	1.1
All commodities	8,294,978		2.0

Pennsylvania Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2014		
	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Other Plant Products	5	718.6
2. Dairy Products	5	392.6
3. Soybeans	19	169.5
4. Other Poultry Products	7	130.5
5. Feeds & Other Feed Grains	19	125.6
Overall rank	22	2,324.4

Source: www.ers.usda.gov

Conservation: \$20.4 million

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

\$20,227,173 - 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.

\$145,180 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program designed to protect grasslands from conversion to cropland or other uses and conserve valuable grasslands by maintaining viable ranching operations.

\$2,555 - The Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) provides financial assistance to owners and operators of agricultural and non-industrial private forest land who wish to establish, produce and deliver biomass feedstocks.



Disaster Assistance: \$1.2 million

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

\$122,131 - 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.

\$56,142 - 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.

\$7,606 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides partial reimbursements to eligible livestock owners for livestock losses suffered due to a natural disaster or other emergency.

\$49,711 - Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) funds restoration of forestland damaged by 2011-2013 natural disasters. Planted trees help reduce flood effects, protect water sources, decrease soil erosion and improve wildlife habitat.

\$92,741 - 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.

\$841,055 - 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: \$75.1 million

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

\$48,893,324 - Direct Loan Program FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2015, FSA funded 112 farm ownership loans and 430 operating loans, including 32 youth loans, 319 loans to beginning producers and 274 loans to targeted underserved producers.

\$2,228,844 - Microloans are direct farm operating loans with a shortened application process and reduced paperwork designed to meet the needs of smaller, non-traditional, and niche type operations. In FY 2015, 99 microloans were issued.

\$23,988,638 - 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 2015, FSA guaranteed 47 farm ownership loans and 46 operating loans including 27 loans to beginning producers and 19 loans to targeted underserved producers.

Pennsylvania FSA Program Payments by County

Includes commodity loans, program, conservation and disaster payments, as well as farm loan obligations

Adams	\$2,060,411	Elk	\$ 2,073	Montgomery	\$ 242,199
Allegheny	\$ 464,756	Erie	\$2,073,878	Montour	\$1,587,704
Armstrong	\$ 905,953	Fayette	\$2,425,895	Northampton	\$1,599,444
Beaver	\$ 322,597	Forest	\$ 2,134	Northumberland	\$5,659,375
Bedford	\$4,922,239	Franklin	\$1,643,529	Perry	\$ 736,850
Berks	\$3,082,460	Fulton	\$ 297,698	Potter	\$1,941,853
Blair	\$2,405,320	Greene	\$ 43,875	Schuylkill	\$2,219,277
Bradford	\$3,181,944	Huntington	\$4,307,547	Snyder	\$2,197,541
Bucks	\$ 651,490	Indiana	\$1,901,359	Somerset	\$3,750,942
Butler	\$1,184,710	Jefferson	\$ 543,487	Sullivan	\$ 128,171
Cambria	\$2,160,393	Juniata	\$3,148,192	Susquehanna	\$ 806,493
Cameron	\$ 18,134	Lackawanna	\$ 141,748	Tioga	\$3,675,031
Carbon	\$ 479,212	Lancaster	\$5,112,154	Union	\$ 993,646
Centre	\$2,677,777	Lawrence	\$ 531,768	Venango	\$ 202,469
Chester	\$2,640,237	Lebanon	\$ 530,331	Warren	\$ 297,900
Clarion	\$ 534,138	Lehigh	\$1,803,204	Washington	\$ 541,297
Clearfield	\$ 339,758	Luzerne	\$1,431,821	Wayne	\$ 390,921
Clinton	\$3,657,633	Lycoming	\$3,894,007	Westmoreland	\$4,321,695
Columbia	\$2,375,391	McKean	\$ 166,976	Wyoming	\$ 712,398
Crawford	\$1,639,141	Mercer	\$1,404,924	York	\$2,481,958
Cumberland	\$4,425,468	Mifflin	\$1,024,395		
Dauphin	\$2,974,504	Monroe	\$ 19,580		

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

