



FSA At Work Across Montana in FY 2011

"The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered over \$437.2 million in federal program payments and loans to Montana farmers and ranchers during FY 2011. Every year, our agricultural industry benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated FSA staff and County Committee members." Richard Deschamps, Acting State Executive Director

Commodity and Price Support Programs : **\$184.1 million**

Montana growers participated in a variety of Commodity Assistance programs during FY 2011. With the continuing high input costs, considerable market volatility, and other challenges, these programs provide additional risk management tools for producers.

\$107,921,574 - 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.

\$10,222,982 - Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) is a revenue-based payments alternative to receiving price based counter-cyclical (CC) payments. In 2011, this 2008 Farm Bill program had significant participation in Montana.

\$65,950,584 - Commodity Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) and Farm Storage Facility Loans. 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. LDPs benefit producers who agree to forgo a commodity loan in return for a payment on the eligible commodity. LDP provisions allow compensation when market prices are low, as long as the producer maintains beneficial interest in the commodity.



\$5,556 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) provides compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.

\$45,191 - Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Payment program (DELAP) provided recovery assistance funds in three phases to dairy producers who experienced an industry-wide economic downturn in 2010. DELAP was funded by a special congressional Agricultural Appropriations Bill in 2010.



Conservation and Habitat Protection: **\$100.4 million**

FSA made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in Montana. The Conservation Reserve Program is the USDA's single largest, most effective environmental improvements program.

\$99,870,744 - 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.

\$104,706 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and carry out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

\$468,468 - Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP) provides similar financial incentives for the protection, restoration and enhancement of grasslands habitat by farmers and ranchers.

Disaster Assistance for Farms and Ranches: \$68.1 million

In 2011, Montana producers suffered losses due to flood, freeze, fire, drought and wind damage. FSA helps operations to recover by extending several financial assistance options to growers following natural disasters.

\$59,597,157 - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) is the new agricultural disaster assistance program approved by Congress in the 2008 Farm Bill. Montana growers suffering losses due to natural disasters received financial assistance to recover and rebuild their operations.

\$6,905,020 - Livestock Forage Program (LFP) provides funds to eligible producers who suffered losses on grazing land due to drought. This new 2008 Farm Bill program triggers payments based on drought severity determined by the national Drought Monitor.



\$1,302,451 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides funds to eligible agricultural producers who suffered livestock losses due to natural disasters.

\$287,687 - Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides assistance to eligible producers who have suffered losses in those commodity areas. This new 2008 Farm Bill program is designed to aid in the reduction of losses not covered by other FSA Disaster Programs: SURE, LIP, TAP and LFP.

\$348,276 - 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

Farm Operating and Ownership Loans: \$84.6 million

As the lender of first opportunity, in FY2011, FSA made 491 loans for \$84,613,000 in direct and guaranteed farm operating loans, farm ownership loans, and emergency loans to Montana's eligible farmers and ranchers. Portions of these funds were targeted to underserved populations and went to the specific groups described below.

252 loans totaling over \$34,601,000 for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers. These loans are provided to borrowers who have not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years and will participate in the day-to-day operation of the farm or ranch.

109 loans for \$11,716,000 for Socially Disadvantaged Producers. These loans are provided to borrowers who are members of Socially Disadvantaged groups such as women, African-Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Hispanics. Many of the minority loan applicants also met the

Beginning Farmer and Rancher definition. **The total obligation to beginning farmer rancher and socially disadvantaged producers totaled 50.1%** of the total funding disbursed.



In Fiscal Year 2011, there was a 15.8% increase in Montana Farm Service Agency's total direct and guaranteed loan advances compared to the prior year's obligations.

2011 Farm Program Payments by County - Note: does not include farm loans or adjustments from prior year programs.

Beaverhead	\$480,391	Deer Lodge	\$172,256	Judith Basin	\$5,857,950	Park	\$747,078	Sanders	\$111,068
Big Horn	\$5,149,257	Fallon	\$3,915,009	Lake	\$997,397	Petroleum	\$1,287,367	Sheridan	\$15,330,492
Blaine	\$14,457,550	Fergus	\$10,514,312	Lewis / Clark	\$1,408,605	Phillips	\$11,356,033	Silver Bow	\$3,943
Broadwater	\$3,186,196	Flathead	\$879,111	Liberty	\$16,772,123	Pondera	\$15,275,623	Stillwater	\$2,763,506
Carbon	\$1,031,242	Gallatin	\$1,837,252	Lincoln	\$130	Powder River	\$1,169,885	Sweet Grass	\$118,052
Carter	\$1,499,352	Garfield	\$3,919,540	Madison	\$783,159	Powell	\$91,292	Teton	\$18,166,632
Cascade	\$11,854,666	Glacier	\$15,231,698	McCone	\$10,204,042	Prairie	\$2,726,134	Toole	\$18,901,054
Chouteau	\$45,454,928	Golden Valley	\$2,157,152	Meagher	\$634,356	Ravalli	\$104,498	Treasure	\$380,927
Custer	\$1,986,641	Granite	\$38,347	Mineral	\$19,362	Richland	\$8,717,005	Valley	\$17,132,535
Daniels	\$14,681,292	Hill	\$23,731,695	Missoula	\$77,689	Roosevelt	\$14,273,740	Wheatland	\$2,757,011
Dawson	\$10,093,694	Jefferson	\$119,237	Musselshell	\$2,287,864	Rosebud	2,623,396	Wibaux	\$2,646,833
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