



# FSA At Work Across California - FY 2011

"The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered over **\$429 million** in federal program payments and loans to California farmers and ranchers during FY 2011. Golden State agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated FSA staff and County Committee members." **Val Dolcini, State Executive Director**

## Commodity and Price Support Programs: **\$249.7 million**

California 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.

### **\$143,203,102 - 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.

**\$4,737,439 - Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)** is a revenue-based payments alternative to receiving price-based counter-cyclical (CC) payments.



**\$97,022,361 - Commodity Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs).** Commodity Loans are available to eligible producers using crops as collateral. 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, if the producer maintains beneficial interest in the commodity.

**\$62,819 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC)** provides protection and compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.

**\$1,827,946 - Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Payment program (DELAP)** provided recovery assistance funds to dairy producers who experienced an industry-wide economic downturn. DELAP was funded by a 2010 Congressional Agricultural Appropriations Bill.



**\$2,852,595 - Asparagus Loss Assistance Program (ALAP) and Trade Adjustment Assistance Program for Farmers (TAAF)** provided partial recovery funds and retraining to asparagus farmers and catfish farmers (for TAA) who have been adversely affected by U. S. trade policies and foreign assistance programs.

## Conservation and BioEnergy: **\$8.6 million**

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

**\$4,478,403 - 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.

**\$3,756,570 - Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP)** provides similar financial incentives for the protection, restoration and enhancement of grasslands habitat by farmers and ranchers.

**\$156,403 - 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.

**\$185,826 - Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)** was authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill to provide matching payments to those producers, entities or contractors who collect, harvest, store and transport eligible biomass materials to qualified Biomass Conversion Facilities. In the next phase of this program, incentives will be structured to encourage the planting and cultivation of crops that are prime feedstocks for energy production at qualified Biomass Conversion Facilities.

## Disaster Assistance for Farms and Ranches: **\$51.8 million**

FSA helps recovery with financial assistance options following natural disasters such as flood, freeze, fire and wind damage.

**\$19,722,222** - **Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE)** is the new disaster assistance program approved by Congress in the 2008 Farm Bill. California growers suffering losses due to natural disasters received financial assistance to recover and rebuild operations.



**\$1,754,069** - **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.

**\$2,323,034** - **Tree Assistance Program (TA)** provides financial assistance to qualifying orchard operators to replace trees, bushes and vines lost due to natural disasters.

**\$186,933** - **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** provides funds to eligible agricultural producers who suffered qualified livestock losses.

**\$27,150,147** - **Livestock Forage Program (LFP)** provides funds to eligible agricultural producers who suffered losses on grazing land due to drought. This 2008 Farm Bill program focuses on drought severity determined by the national Drought Monitor.

**\$633,661** - **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 2008 Farm Bill program aids in the reduction of losses not covered by other FSA Disaster Programs.



## Farm Operating and Ownership Loans: **\$119.1 million**

FSA obligated **\$119,098,000** in direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans, emergency loans and youth loans to eligible California producers who manage family-sized operations and were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

**\$87,811,000** - The **Guaranteed Loan Program** works in tandem with conventional agricultural lenders to guarantee up to 90 or 95 percent of any loss if the loan fails. This last year, FSA guaranteed 62 farm ownership loans and 147 operating loans.

**\$31,254,000** - The **Direct Loan Program** provides assistance to those

unable to obtain credit elsewhere. FSA funded 36 direct farm ownership loans and 425 direct operating loans in FY2011.

**\$33,000** - The **Emergency Loan Program** helps producers recover from production and physical losses due to natural dis-



asters or quarantine. In FY 2011, California issued one emergency loan.

**Targeted Funding** - FSA in California is proud of its accomplishments in reaching out to minority populations and underserved areas. More than half (51.9%) of California FSA's lending went to Socially Disadvantaged farmers last year in 348 loans. In addition, 185 loans went to Beginning Farmers and 197 went to Young Farmers



Currently 80% of the county offices have bi-lingual staff (including Spanish, Hmong, Portuguese, Punjabi, Arabic, Japanese and Chinese.)

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