



FSA At Work Across Alaska in 2011

"During 2011, the USDA Farm Service Agency has delivered over **\$3,104,525** in federal program payments and loans to Alaska farmers and ranchers. Every year, our State's agricultural community benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated FSA staff and County Committee members." **Danny Consenstein, State Executive Director**

Farm Operating and Ownership Loans: **\$1,282,240**

\$763,240 - Direct Operating Loans
\$519,000 - Direct Farm Ownership Loans.

During FY 2011, Alaska FSA obligated direct farm operating loans to 13 producers and direct farm ownership loans to two producers. These funds provided the capital necessary to keep them working. FSA provides a variety of financial assistance options for eligible Alaska producers who manage family-sized operations and are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit, including direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans, emergency loans and youth loans.



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2011 UPDATE: Alaska Farmers Get Help with High Costs

USDA focused attention on producers in Alaska and Hawaii during 2011 for a "cost-reimbursement" program that provided some relief from the high transportation costs in these remote regions. In 2011, farmers and ranchers in Alaska were helped

by the **Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program (RTCP)** as authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. **\$385,260** was provided to Alaskan growers of agricultural commodities in the state's "geographically disadvantaged" regions as partial recovery of costs.

Conservation and Habitat Protection: **\$1.13 million**

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

\$1,079,607 - 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.

\$53,568- Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) and other Conservation Programs - funds are used to restore and preserve sensitive native grassland, pastureland and certain others sensitive areas. The program conserves vulnerable grasslands from conversion to cropland and other uses while

reducing erosion and improving wildlife habitat. Some limited agricultural uses are allowed and easement or rental contract options are available.



Disaster Assistance for Farms and Ranches: **\$109,473**

\$105,860 - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program

(SURE) Created by the 2008 Farm Bill as an improvement over the prior ad-hoc funding for disaster assistance, this program provides a source of ongoing funding for farmers and ranchers who experience significant losses or damage due to natural, weather-related disasters.



\$3,613 - Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program (NAP)

provides financial assistance to producers of non-insured crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

Commodity / Price Support Programs : **\$194,380**

\$78,613 - 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.

\$1,160 - Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Program (DELAP)

This program provided one-time payment assistance for eligible dairy producers to recover from 2011 losses experienced during extremely low milk prices and high dairy production expenses.

\$114,607 - Trade Adjustment Assistance - Producers of raw agricultural commodities and fishery products that are determined by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) administrator to have been adversely affected by imports may apply for technical assistance and cash payments under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Farmers program.

ALASKA'S TOP FIVE AG COMMODITIES

	Value of Receipts in \$ Millions	Percent of State Total Receipts
Greenhouse / Nursery	\$ 13.00	42.3
Hay	\$ 4.06	13.2
Cattle / Calves	\$ 2.42	7.9
Potatoes	\$ 2.38	7.7
Dairy	\$ 1.61	5.2
All Commodities	\$ 30.75	

ALASKA'S TOP FIVE AG EXPORTS

	Rank Among States	Dollar Value of Receipts
Other	47	\$4,000,000
Seeds	47	\$600,000
Feed grains / products	43	\$300,000
Live animals / meat	47	\$200,000
Hide and skins	44	Less than \$100,000
Overall Rank	50	\$5,100,000

USDA - Economic Research Service (ERS) State Facts - 2010



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