



The USDA FSA at Work Across Virginia-Fiscal Year 2012

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Welcome to the USDA Farm Service Agency-Virginia



The Farm Service Agency promotes a stable and abundant American Food Supply while conserving natural resources. This is accomplished through various federal program payments and farm loans to Virginia farmers and ranchers. The Farm Service Agency provides assis-

tance through farm financing, disaster assistance, conservation programs, and programs that help producers manage their market risks.

Virginia agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated employees and locally elected County Committees. The Virginia Farm Service Agency has forty-one Service Center Offices across the commonwealth. Each of these offices is overseen by a farmer elected committee comprised of three to five members. This allows a local grass roots deci-

sion making process and community involvement in the programs administered by FSA. In addition there are seven agricultural credit teams located within these Service Centers that administer the loan programs. The entire state is overseen by the state office which is headed up by the appointed State Committee and State Executive Director.

We are pleased to share some of our accomplishments in fiscal year 2012 that support Virginia agriculture.

~Calvin

Over \$52 Million in Credit

In fiscal year 2012 FSA in Virginia obligated \$52,621,315 in direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans, emergency loans, youth loans, socially disadvantaged loans and loans to beginning farmers.

\$22,036,200-Guaranteed Loans FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders. FSA in Virginia guaranteed 88 farm ownership and farm operating loans.

\$30,368,245- Direct Loans FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. FSA in Virginia funded 345 farm ownership, farm operating and emergency loans.

All the loans made for operating and farm ownership purposes, 20.9% of the funding went to socially disadvantaged producers and 46% went to beginning farmers.



\$216,870-Emergency Loans FSA provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine. FSA funded 3 emergency loans this year.

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Nearly \$9.6 Million in Conservation Payments

\$7,273,608-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.

\$1,026,843-Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program designed to protect grasslands from conversion to cropland. Producers rental payments provide an incentive to maintain pastures for grazing.

\$1,291,618-Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters, and to carry out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

Riparian Buffer



FSA continues to make strides toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in Virginia. The Conservation Reserve Program is the USDA's single largest, most effective environmental program.

Over \$26 Million in Disaster Assistance



\$26,436,277-Supplemental Revenue Assistance program (SURE) provides payments to producers when farm revenue losses are due to natural disasters.

\$396,759-Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producer's of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

Commodity Loan and Program Payments Exceed \$118 Million

\$46,073,983-Price Support offers assistance through marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments and Market Loss Assistance Payments through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

\$19,648,793-Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) direct payments provide income support to participants 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.

\$641,221-Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) provides producers a revenue based payment as an alternative to commodity price based counter-cyclical payments.

\$2,161,729-Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) loans to producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities for eligible commodities.

\$50,199,339-Tobacco Transitional Program Payments (TTPP) provides annual transitional payments for 10 years to eligible tobacco quota holders and producers. Payments began in 2005 and continue through 2014.



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