



FSA At Work Across Hawaii & Pacific Basin

“The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered over **\$15.5 million** in federal program payments and loans to Hawaii and the Pacific Basin’s farmers and ranchers during FY 2013. Farm Service Agency is committed to serving the farmers and ranchers of our region by providing them support in times of economic insecurity or natural disasters and to expand their businesses.”
Diane Ley, State Executive Director

Conservation and Habitat Protection: \$1.9 million Farm Service Agency (FSA) made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in Hawaii. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is the USDA’s single largest, most effective environmental improvement program. The Hawaii Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (HI CREP) is part of USDA’s CRP tailored for Hawaii’s producers.

\$734,096 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and carry out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

\$820,013 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Hawaii CREP provides financial incentives, cost-share and rental payments to producers who convert highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive acreage to long-term tree and/or vegetative cover.

\$307,561 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) and other Conservation Programs funds are used to restore and preserve sensitive native grassland, pastureland and certain other vulnerable areas. The program conserves susceptible 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.



Farm Operating and Ownership Loans: \$8.1 million

FSA obligated **\$8,057,178** in direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans, emergency loans and youth loans to eligible producers who manage family-sized operations and were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

\$2,543,225 - In Fiscal Year 2013, **106 Farm Operating Loans (Direct and Guaranteed)** provided capital for Hawaii and Pacific Basin producers to plant crops, purchase livestock or reorganize their operations.

\$5,513,953 - During this same fiscal year, **17 Farm Ownership Loans (Direct and Guaranteed)** provided assistance to Hawaii and Pacific Basin producers for the purchase of farm property or to make real estate improvements.

Of these Direct and Guaranteed Loans, \$5.9 million were Special Qualified Loans. Farm Service Agency focuses credit resources on underserved groups and made 108 loans to minority and women producers and 49 loans to beginning producers. In addition, 28 Youth Loans were funded.



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Find the information you are looking for at:

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FY 2013

Disaster Assistance and Price Support: \$5.5 million

In 2013, Hawaii and Pacific Basin producers suffered losses due to natural disasters. Dairy producers were compensated when domestic milk prices fell below a specified level. Farm Service Agency helped these operations recover by extending financial assistance options and price support payments. Geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers of Hawaii and the Pacific Basin were reimbursed for a portion of the higher transportation costs they experienced for transporting their inputs and commodities.

Disaster Assistance

\$ 4,554,725 - Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops in the event of weather-related crop losses.

\$ 89,681 - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters.

\$ 25,494 - 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, as determined by the Secretary.

\$ 14,939 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) compensates producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather.

\$ 10,944 - Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides financial assistance to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes, and vines damaged by natural disasters.



Price Support

\$ 793,803 - Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program (RTCP) reimburses geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers for a portion of the transportation cost for transporting their agricultural commodity, or inputs used to produce an agricultural commodity, during a fiscal year.

\$ 51,089 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.



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