



# FACT SHEET

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## Farm Loan Information Chart

The following chart summarizes FSA farm loan information. Additional details are available at local FSA offices or on FSA's Web site: <a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov">www.fsa.usda.gov</a> .			
Program	Maximum Loan Amount	Rates and Terms	Use of Proceeds
Direct Farm Ownership (FO)	\$300,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 40 years</li> <li>- Rates based on Agency borrowing costs</li> <li>- Temporary limited resource interest rates are available for those unable to repay at regular rates</li> <li>- Interest rate 5% if 50% of loan amount provided by other lender</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Purchase farm</li> <li>- Construct buildings or other improvements</li> <li>- Soil and water conservation</li> <li>- Pay Closing Costs</li> </ul>
Downpayment Program	The least of: - 45% of the purchase price, - 45% of the appraised value, - \$225,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Term: 20 years</li> <li>- Interest rate: Direct FO rate less 4% with a floor of 1.5%</li> <li>- Down payment: 5%</li> </ul>	Purchase farm
Direct Operating (OL)	\$300,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From 1 to 7 years</li> <li>- Rates based on Agency borrowing cost</li> <li>- Temporary limited resource interest rate is available for those unable to repay at regular rate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Purchase livestock, poultry, equipment, feed, seed, farm chemicals and supplies</li> <li>- Soil and water conservation</li> <li>- Refinancing indebtedness with certain limitations</li> </ul>
Direct Emergency	100% actual or physical losses  \$500,000 maximum program indebtedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From 1 to 7 years for non-real estate purposes</li> <li>- Up to 40 years for physical losses on real estate</li> <li>- Interest rate: 3.75%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restore or replace essential property</li> <li>- Pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year</li> <li>- Pay essential family living expenses</li> <li>- Reorganize the farming operation</li> <li>- Refinancing indebtedness with certain limitations</li> </ul>
Guaranteed Operating	\$1,119,000 (Amount adjusted annually for inflation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From 1 to 7 years</li> <li>- Rates not to exceed the rate charged to lenders' average agricultural loan customers</li> <li>- Interest rate reduction of 4% available for those unable to repay at regular rates (with certain limitations)</li> </ul>	Same as Direct OL except loan may be used to refinance debts
Guaranteed Farm Ownership	\$1,119,000 (Amount adjusted annually for inflation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 40 years</li> <li>- Rates not to exceed the rate charged to lenders' average agricultural loan customers</li> </ul>	Same as Direct FO except loan may be used to refinance debts
Direct Conservation Loan (CL)	\$300,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rate: same as Direct FO rate</li> <li>- Term: Chattel – 7 yrs and Real Estate – 20 years, unless the applicant requests a lesser term</li> </ul>	- Implement any conservation practice in an NRCS- approved conservation plan

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Guaranteed Conservation Loan (CL)	\$1,119,000 (amount adjusted annually for inflation)	- Rates: determined by the Lender - Term: not to exceed 20 years, or shorter period, based on the life of the security	- Same as Direct CL, except loan may be used to refinance debts as related to implementing an NRCS-approved conservation plan

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