



## **Farm Service Agency: Top 5 Accomplishments 2009-2011**

Enhanced Disaster Assistance – FSA implemented outstanding provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill, including the five permanent disaster programs which provided more than \$3.5 billion dollars to U.S. farmers and ranchers during some of the most significant disaster events to affect agriculture in years.

Improved Access to Capital - During Fiscal Years 2009 –2011 FSA provided 103,000 loans to family farmers, totaling \$14.6 billion in total credit. Over 50 percent of the loans went to beginning and Socially Disadvantaged farmers and ranchers (44,600 loans went beginning farmers and 17,300 went to minority farmers.)

Effective Food Aid Distribution – FSA procurements for domestic and international food aid commodities for fiscal year 2011 totaled more than 1.38 billion dollars for food insecure recipients in the United States and abroad.

Promoted Resource Stewardship and Improved Air Quality – FSA has held two general signups under the Conservation Reserve Program, and continues to help farmers participate in continuous CRP programs. In 2010 alone, these programs led to a 52 million metric ton reduction in green house gasses – the equivalent of taking 10 million cars off the road.

Improved Civil Rights Climate and Service Delivery – FSA’s focus on strategic planning and implementation of cultural transformation initiatives has resulted in increased lending to social disadvantaged borrowers and resulted in a record low number of civil rights program complaints. During Fiscal Years 2009-2011, processed over 5 million program requests from farmers and ranchers while less than 100 civil rights complaints have been filed.