



FSA At Work Across Washington - FY 2008

"The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered over **\$233.3 million** in federal program payments and loans to Washington farmers and ranchers during FY 2008. Our State's agricultural industry benefits greatly every year from the tireless efforts of our dedicated FSA staff and County Committee members." **Melissa Cummins, Acting State Executive Director**

Commodity and Price Support Programs : **\$77.5 million**

Washington growers participated in a variety of Commodity Assistance programs during FY 2008. With the continuing high input costs, considerable market volatility, and other challenges, these programs provide additional risk management tools for producers.

\$65,199,026 - 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.

\$12,251,444 - Commodity Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) and Farm Storage Facility Loans. Commodity Loans are available to eligible producers who use crops as collateral. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) makes loans for eligible commodities that are farm or warehouse stored. LDPs benefit producers who agree to forgo a commodity loan in return for a payment on the eligible commodity. LDP provisions allow compensation when market prices are low, as long as the producer maintains beneficial interest in the commodity.

\$60,094 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) provides compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.



NEWS UPDATE: 2009 Stimulus Funds Helping Washington Agriculture

Washington rural communities are benefitting from **\$5.2 million in additional capital** for Washington agricultural operations through the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**. In Washington, the Farm Service Agency was able to fund an additional 58 Direct Farm Operating Loans. In early 2009, funds from these loans went to work in the local community as the farmers and ranchers purchased their farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel and other supplies.

Conservation and Habitat Protection: **\$88.7 million**

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

\$86,811,470 - 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.

\$413,034 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and carry out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.



\$74,805 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) and other Conservation Programs - funds are used to restore and preserve

native grassland, pastureland and certain other 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: \$17.3 million

In 2008, Washington producers suffered crop and livestock losses due to flood, freeze, fire and wind damage. FSA helps agricultural operations recover from these devastating natural disasters by extending several financial assistance options to growers.

\$14,618,213 - Crop Disaster Program (CDP) was the major agricultural disaster assistance source for Washington producers from 2005 to 2007. Growers suffering losses due to natural disasters got help to recover, using ad hoc funding sources approved by Congress.

The 2008 Farm Bill provides ongoing disaster assistance funding in the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE).



\$639,999 - Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assis-

tance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

\$292,503 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides funds to eligible agricultural producers who suffered qualified livestock losses.

\$1,701,058 - Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between Jan.1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007.

\$4,088 - Dairy Disaster Assistance Program (DDAP) Provides payments to dairy producers who suffered dairy production and milk spoilage losses between 2005 and 2007.



Farm Operating and Ownership Loans: \$49.9 million

FSA obligated **\$49,861,000** in direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans and youth loans to eligible, family-sized operations in Washington who were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

\$36,111,273 - Guaranteed Loan Program FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 90 or 95 percent of any loss if the loan fails. In FY 2008, FSA guaranteed 20 farm ownership loans and 133 operating loans.

\$13,651,850 - Direct Loan Program FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2008, FSA funded 15 direct farm ownership loans and 185 direct operating loans, including 58 loans to beginning farmers, 36 loans to socially disadvantaged farmers and 43 loans to farmers who were both beginners and socially disadvantaged.



2008 Farm Program Payments by County - Note: does not include farm loans or adjustments from prior year programs.

Adams	\$17,782,371	Franklin	\$10,232,563	Lewis	\$585,491	Snohomish	\$317,323
Asotin	\$2,893,735	Garfield	\$7,698,769	Lincoln	\$22,126,082	Spokane	\$7,548,045
Benton	\$10,046,454	Grant	\$12,110,065	Mason	\$12,932	Stevens	\$543,650
Chelan	\$659,548	Grays Harbor	\$47,070	Okanagon	\$1,428,759	Thurston	\$14,820
Clallam	\$69,018	Island	\$50,407	Pacific	\$1,246,498	Wahkiakum	\$69,788
Clark	\$95,029	Jefferson	\$52,259	Pend Oreille	\$90,890	Walla Walla	\$16,906,898
Columbia	\$7,654,336	King	\$44,939	Pierce	\$15,826	Whatcom	\$1,505,201
Cowlitz	\$4,823	Kitsap	\$5,098	San Juan	\$5,058	Whitman	\$33,933,356
Douglas	\$12,978,966	Kitittas	\$711,812	Skagit	\$720,869	Yakima	\$7,982,770
Ferry	\$115,447	Klickitat	\$5,208,946	Skamania	\$496		

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