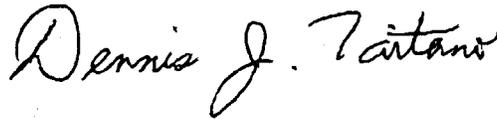


For: FSA Offices

**FY 2009 Funding for Operating Under a Continuing Resolution (CR)**

Approved by: Director, Office of Budget and Finance



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

On September 30, 2008, the President signed Pub. L. 110-329, the “Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.” Division A of this legislation funds the operations of agencies, such as USDA, that lack regular appropriations at the beginning of FY 2009. CR is effective October 1, 2008, through March 6, 2009.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides general guidance for FSA operations during the CR period.

**Note:** A separate notice will provide allotments for non-Federal and Federal Field Office administrative expenses through March 6, 2009, along with specific guidance on monitoring travel, equipment, and overtime expenses.

**2 Guidance**

**A FLP Funds**

Guaranteed operating with interest assistance funds will be held in the National Office reserve.

The following funds may be obligated as loans are approved:

- guaranteed operating, unsubsidized
- guaranteed farm ownership.

Direct operating and farm ownership funds will be entered into the Program Funds Control System.

Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2009	All FSA Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 Guidance (Continued)

#### A FLP Funds (Continued)

Once carryover balances are apportioned by OMB, emergency loans may be obligated as loans are approved in designated areas.

Any funds allotted from October 1, 2008, through March 6, 2009, will be considered part of the State's annual allocation for FY 2009.

#### B Appropriated Programs

Obligations and payments for ECP and USDA Disaster Assistance for crop years 2005 through 2007 are authorized using the carryover unobligated balances brought forward from FY 2008.

Funds provided under CR for the State Mediation Grant, Dairy Indemnity, Grassroots Source Water Protection, and Reforestation Pilot Programs will be held at the National Office level. Further instructions on FY 2009 obligations for these programs will be forthcoming.

#### C CCC-Funded Programs

Full CRP rental, cost-share, and incentive payments will be made. See Notice CRP-615 for instructions for making FY 2009 CRP rental payments. See Notice CRP-613 for cost-share and incentive payment provisions effective beginning October 1, 2008.

FSA Offices shall continue making:

- WRP and Farmland Protection Program payments for prior FY's

**Note:** Prior FY EQIP payments and FY 2009 EQIP allocations will be issued by NRCS.

- other CCC program payments with no restrictions.

#### D National, State, and Field Office Salaries and Expenses

Operating costs at the National, State, and Field Offices, such as travel and training, may continue at necessary levels in advance of specific allotments. Because the CR appropriation level is below the President's budget, it is vital that FSA continue to exercise restraint by purchasing only the items necessary to support current activities. FSA Offices should prudently monitor all administrative obligations while operating under CR.

**Note:** Notice FI-2858 provides instructions about travel during the CR period.