



FSA At Work Across Hawaii & Pacific Basin - 2015



“The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered over \$23.43 million in federal program payments and loans to Hawaii and Pacific Basin farmers and ranchers during Fiscal Year 2015. 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: \$1.71 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 and is tailored for Hawaii’s producers.

\$788,859 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP & 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 or vegetative cover.

\$467,580 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural.

\$460,460 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program whose purpose is to restore and preserve sensitive native grassland, pastureland and other vulnerable areas. The program is designed to conserve valuable grasslands from conversion to cropland and other uses while reducing erosion, improving wildlife habitat and maintaining viable ranching operations. Some limited agricultural uses are allowed and easement or rental contract options are available.



Farm Operating and Ownership Loans: \$9.57 million

Farm Service Agency obligated \$9,572,139 in direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans, emergency loans and youth loans to eligible producers who manage family-sized operations and who were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

\$2,244,710 – Farm Operating Loans (Direct and Guaranteed) were made to 119 producers to support the planting of crops, purchase of livestock or to reorganize their operations.

\$7,272,429 – Farm Ownership Loans (Direct and Guaranteed) provided assistance in the purchase of farm property or to make real estate improvements.

\$55,000 – Emergency Loans were made to 3 producers following Hurricane Iselle and Typhoon Soudelor.

\$7,025,299 – Special Qualified Loans are directed to meet underserved producers needs through Direct and Guaranteed Loans. A total of 113 loans were made to minority and women producers and 64 loans to beginning producers and 33 youth Loans.

Fiscal Year 2015

Disaster Assistance and Price Support: \$12.14 million

In 2015, Hawaii and Pacific Basin producers suffered losses due to natural disasters including typhoons, excessive moisture, flooding, drought and volcanic gases, and Farm Service Agency aided producers in their businesses' recovery by providing disaster assistance. Geographically disadvantaged due to isolated locations throughout the Pacific Basin, producers were reimbursed for a portion of the higher transportation costs they incurred.

\$2,562,305 – Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops in the event of weather-related crop losses.

\$8,666,700 – Livestock Forage Program (LFP) provides financial assistance to eligible producers that have suffered losses due to qualifying drought conditions.

\$40,242 – Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides qualifying fruit orchardists with cost share to support the clean-up, rehabilitation and replanting of trees following natural disasters.

\$46,630 – 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.

\$826,085 – 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.



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