

## Loan Guarantee Program

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**Offered By:** U.S. Department of Agriculture,  
Farm Service Agency (FSA)

**Target Credit  
Union Participants:** Credit unions that offer farm loans.

**Program  
Objective:** The mission of the FSA is to ensure the well being of U.S. agriculture.  
The FSA offers direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans to farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain conventional loans due to insufficient financial resources.

**Credit Union  
Eligibility:** Credit unions may participate in the following programs:

- Beginning Farmer Down Payment - Farm Ownership Program
- Guaranteed Operating Loan Program
- Guaranteed Farm Ownership Loan Program

A 95 percent guarantee is provided by the FSA for the loan Programs above. The purpose of the loan must pertain to the operation of a farm.

**Program Features  
and Requirements:** Applications for lender approval must be submitted to the FSA state office where the credit union is located. The credit union should discuss the requirements for lender approval and the loan program with the state office prior to submission of a loan application or creation of this loan program.

Guarantees are for loans provided to farmers, corporations, cooperatives, joint operations, and partnerships and their members/ stockholders. FSA regulations for guarantees is located at this link: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_02/7cfr762\\_02.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/7cfr762_02.html) .

Borrowers must be authorized to operate a farm or ranch in the state where the land is located.

There are no population limitations.

**Contact:** FSA's headquarters is located at:

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency  
Public Affairs Staff  
1400 Independence Ave., S.W. STOP 0506  
Washington, DC 20250-0506.

A list of FSA state offices can be found at:  
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateOffices?area=stoffice&subject=landing&topic=landing>