

Direct Government Payments, 2008-2012F

United States						8/28/2012		
Payment	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012F	2008-2011 average	Change 2011 - 2012F	
	\$ millions						\$ millions	percent
Total direct payments 1/	12,241.7	12,176.5	12,391.7	10,421.4	11,076.5	11,661.6	\$655.1	6.3%
Fixed direct payments 2/	5,110.2	4,726.7	4,813.1	4,706.2	4,960.0	4,863.2	\$253.8	5.4%
Average Crop Election Program (ACRE)	–	–	421.9	16.1	10.0	149.3	-\$6.1	-37.9%
Counter-cyclical payments	712.1	1,169.5	209.1	16.5	–	526.8	–	–
Loan deficiency payments	85.2	155.9	114.4	5.8	–	90.3	–	–
Marketing loan gains	33.7	251.6	2.0	0.1	–	71.8	–	–
Certificate exchange gains	202.1	686.2	0.7	–	–	296.3	–	–
Milk income loss payments	-0.3	880.1	51.7	-0.1	650.0	316.3	\$650.1	–
Tobacco\ Transition Payment Program 3/	816.3	795.5	686.8	666.0	651.0	723.1	-\$15.0	-2.3%
Conservation 4/	3,155.1	2,835.5	3,452.0	3,704.2	3,715.0	3,372.4	\$10.8	0.3%
Supplemental and ad hoc disaster assistance 5/	2,121.2	648.4	2,648.4	1,305.4	1,089.0	1,562.5	-\$216.4	-16.6%
Miscellaneous 6/	6.1	31.6	-2.4	1.2	1.5	7.6	\$0.3	24.3%

F = forecast

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

1/ Includes only those funds paid directly to farmers within the calendar year.

2/ The calendar year 2012 forecast includes estimated 2012 crop advance and final payments and forecast 2013 crop advance payments issued in December 2012. Since 2009, direct payments include direct payments from both sources: the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program and the Average Crop Revenue Election Program.

3/ The estimates here include TTPP payments and lump-sum payments to quota holders and producers. The TTPP payments to private parties are not included.

4/ This category includes all conservation programs except for those considered as emergency assistance such as the Emergency Conservation Program.

5/ This category includes all programs providing disaster and other emergency assistance payments to growers including SURE payments disbursed from the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund.

6/ Miscellaneous programs and provisions vary from year to year. Included here are CCP--Fruit and Vegetable Violation, CCP--Late Fees, and CCP--Payment Limitation Over payments which could not be directly linked to either Direct or Countercyclical Program payments. Payments by the Production Flexibility Contract and the Peanut Buyout Programs have been phased out in previous years, so beginning in 2008 these residual payments or refunds to USDA are now included in this category.

The current farm income forecast can always be found at <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/FarmIncome/finfidmu.htm>.

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