

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 CONFERENCES WITH EXPENSES GREATER THAN \$100,000
 FISCAL YEAR 2012

CONFERENCE NAME	AGENCY	LOCATION	START DATE	END DATE	PARTICIPANTS	GRAND TOTAL	JUSTIFICATION
STRATEGIC PLANNING CONFERENCE	FSA	ATLANTA, GA	10/31/2011	11/4/2011	187	226,778.00	MEETING BROUGHT TOGETHER FARM SERVICE AGENCY EMPLOYEES TO STRATEGIZE MANAGING THE GROWING LOAN PROGRAM WHILE FACING A SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE REDUCTION. THE ATTENDEES INCLUDED FARM SERVICE AGENCY NATIONAL OFFICE LEADERSHIP, STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, FARM LOAN CHIEFS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS FROM EACH STATE.
AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FORUM	MULTIPLE AGENCIES	ARLINGTON, VA	2/23/2012	2/24/2012	794	136,126.00	FORUM WAS AN EVENT THAT PROVIDED LEADERSHIP BY BRINGING TOGETHER THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY TO DISCUSS POLICY, SCIENCE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR THE COMING YEAR. THE SPONSORING AGENCIES WORKED TOGETHER TO DETERMINE CURRENT ISSUES FACING AGRICULTURE AND HOW TO RESPOND TO THOSE ISSUES AND ADDRESS THE QUESTIONS RAISED.