



# FSA At Work Across Oregon - FY 2009

"The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered over **\$142 million** in federal program payments and loans to Oregon farmers and ranchers during FY 2009. Our State's agricultural industry benefits greatly each year from the tireless efforts of our dedicated FSA staff and Committee members." **Lynn Voigt, State Executive Director**

## Commodity and Price Support Programs : **\$43.5 million**

Oregon growers participated in a variety of Commodity Assistance programs during FY 2009. With the continuing high input costs, considerable market volatility, and other challenges, these programs provide additional risk management tools for producers.

### **\$28,098,285 - Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP)**

Direct payments provide income support to producers of eligible commodities based on production history (acreage and yields) and do not depend on the current production choices. Counter-cyclical payments are made when the effective price for eligible commodities is less than the target price.

### **\$4,961,962 - Commodity Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) and Farm Storage Facility Loans.**

Commodity Loans are available to eligible producers who use crops as collateral. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) makes loans for eligible commodities that are farm or warehouse stored. LDPs benefit producers who agree to forgo a commodity loan in return for a payment on the eligible commodity. LDP provisions allow compensation when market prices are low, as long as the producer maintains beneficial interest in the commodity.

**\$7,598,457- Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC)** provides compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level. This program provided significant assistance to Oregon dairies in 2009.



### **\$2,877,852 – Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Payments**

**(DELAP)** Program provided a one-time payment to offset economic losses suffered by dairy farmers experiencing dramatically low milk prices and high production costs. DELAP Program payments were made in December 2009, actually after the end of the fiscal year.

## Conservation and Habitat Protection: **\$33.7 million**

FSA made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in Oregon. The Conservation Reserve Program is the USDA's single largest, most effective environmental improvements program.

### **\$32,851,401 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)**

provides financial incentives, cost-sharing on improvements and rental payments to producers who convert highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive acreage to long-term vegetative cover. The result is improved habitats.

### **\$544,638 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)**

provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and carry out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.



### **\$256,690 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) and other Conservation Programs**

are used to restore and preserve sensitive native grassland, pastureland and other sensitive areas. The program conserves vulnerable grasslands from conversion to cropland and other uses while reducing erosion and improving



wildlife habitat. Some limited agricultural uses are allowed and easement or rental contract options are available.

## Disaster Assistance for Farms and Ranches: \$1.9 million

In 2009, Oregon producers suffered losses due to a variety of natural disasters including flood, freeze, fire and wind damage. FSA was there to help in the process of recovery by extending several financial assistance options to growers following natural disasters.

**\$1,373,435 - Crop Disaster Program (CDP)** was the major agricultural disaster assistance source for Oregon producers from 2005 to 2007. Growers suffering losses due to natural disasters got help to recover, using ad hoc funding sources approved by Congress. The 2008 Farm Bill provides ongoing disaster assistance funding in the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE).

**\$606,453 - Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)** provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.



**\$13,312 - Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)** provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007.

### Stimulus Funds Helping Oregon Agriculture

In 2009, Oregon rural communities benefited from **\$4.5 million in additional capital** for Oregon agricultural operations through the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**. In Oregon, the Farm Service Agency was able to fund an additional 59 Direct Farm Operating Loans. Capital from these loans supported rural jobs and economic activity as the farmers and ranchers purchased their farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel and other supplies.

## Farm Operating and Ownership Loans: \$63.6 million

For FY 2009 Oregon FSA expanded its loan activity by 67.7% and obligated \$63,601,000 in operating and ownership loans, emergency loans and youth loans to promote, build and sustain Oregon family farmers and ranchers.

**\$35,089,000 - Guaranteed Loan Program** FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 90 or 95 percent of any loss if the loan fails. In FY 2009, FSA guaranteed 34 farm ownership loans and 79 operating loans.

**\$28,261,000 - Direct Loan Program** FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2009, FSA funded 24 direct farm ownership loans and 350 direct operating loans, including 203 loans to beginning farmers, 85 loans to socially disadvantaged farmers and 28 youth loans.



**\$251,000 - The Emergency Loan Program** helps producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought,

flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine. In FY 2009, Oregon's FSA issued 2 emergency loans.

### 2009 Farm Program Payments by County - Note: does not include farm loans or adjustments from prior year

Baker	\$ 1,146,348	Douglas	\$ 453,237	Lake	\$ 239,005	Sherman	\$ 8,593,741
Benton	\$ 584,624	Gilliam	\$ 4,933,166	Lane	\$ 366,118	Tillamook	\$ 3,277,821
Clackamas	\$ 476,073	Grant	\$ 1,039,443	Lincoln	\$ 19,846	Umatilla	\$18,309,654
Clatsop	\$ 59,263	Harney	\$ 935,245	Linn	\$ 750,119	Union	\$ 2,768,740
Columbia	\$ 84,439	Hood River	\$ 129,400	Malheur	\$ 3,163,901	Wallowa	\$ 1,929,097
Coos	\$ 368,287	Jackson	\$ 157,342	Marion	\$ 2,098,200	Wasco	\$ 6,325,011
Crook	\$ 535,38	Jefferson	\$ 1,351,668	Morrow	\$ 9,809,567	Washington	\$ 1,406,688
Curry	\$ 216,686	Josephine	\$ 205,830	Multnomah	\$ 60,589	Wheeler	\$ 459,296
Deschutes	\$ 92,300	Klamath	\$ 1,120,256	Polk	\$ 1,293,373	Yamhill	\$ 1,684,889

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