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2016 Farm Service Agency Selected Accomplishments in New Jersey

The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered more than \$10.8 million in federal program payments and loans to New Jersey farmers and growers during fiscal year 2016. New Jersey agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated employees and locally elected County Committees.

Commodity Program Payments: \$2.3 million

New Jersey producers received substantial monetary support during FY 2016 in the form of commodity and price support program payments.

\$1,227,444 - Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs provide revenue and price loss payments to eligible producers for the 2014 through 2018 crop years.

\$893,526 - 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.

\$7,933 - Margin Protection Program (MPP-Dairy) offers protection when the difference between the all milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.



\$131,178 - Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), through FSA, makes loans to producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities for eligible commodities.

Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2015

	Value of receipts thousand	Percent of state total farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Miscellaneous Crops	279,272	26.7	1.5
2. Floriculture	203,421	19.4	4.7
3. Blueberries	66,152	6.3	7.7
4. Chicken Eggs	53,963	5.2	0.4
5. Tomatoes	52,958	5.1	2.0
All commodities	1,046,112		0.3

Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2015

	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Other Plant Products	16	294.0
2. Vegetables, Processed	17	42.0
3. Fruits, Fresh	12	33.3
4. Fruits, Processed	12	32.5
5. Other Livestock Products	35	23.7
Overall rank	37	505.4

Source: www.ers.usda.gov

Conservation: \$1.3 million

FSA made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in New Jersey. Conservation investments in FY 2016 include:

\$497,746 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides financial incentives, cost-share and rental payments to producers who convert highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive acreage to long-term vegetative cover.

\$10,800 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding for farmers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters, and to enact emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

\$831,145 - Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) funds restored forestland damaged by 2012 Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) infestation and Superstorm Sandy. Planted trees help reduce flood effects, protect water sources, decrease soil erosion and improve wildlife habitat.



Disaster Assistance: \$1.2 million

From drought to flood, freeze and tornadoes - FSA was financially responsive to New Jersey producers following natural disasters.

\$995,155 - 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.

\$125,133 - Tree Assistance Program for Orchardists and Nursery Tree Growers (TAP) provides financial assistance to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

\$6,188 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides partial reimbursements to eligible livestock owners for livestock losses suffered due to a natural disaster or other emergency.

\$39,387 - 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.



Farm Loans: \$6.0 million

FSA offers various loan options to New Jersey farmers and growers who manage family-sized operations and who were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

\$624,000 - Guaranteed Loan Program FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 95 percent of any loss if the loan fails.

\$4,508,570 - Direct Loan Program FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2016, FSA funded 66 farm operating loans, including 41 loans to beginning farmers and 20 loans to targeted underserved producers.

\$577,730 - Microloans are direct farm operating loans (maximum of \$50,000) with a shortened application process and reduced paperwork designed to meet the needs of smaller, non-traditional, and niche type operations. In FY 2016, 25 microloans were issued.

\$334,720 - Emergency Loan Program helps producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine.

New Jersey FSA Program Payments by County

Includes commodity, conservation, disaster program payments and farm loan obligations

Atlantic	\$ 563,476
Burlington	\$ 726,032
Camden	\$ 26,904
Cape May	\$ 30,000
Cumberland	\$ 1,787,470
Gloucester	\$ 1,496,726
Hunterdon	\$ 519,461
Mercer	\$ 70,978
Middlesex	\$ 412,308
Monmouth	\$ 167,738
Morris	\$ 255,796
Ocean	\$ 62,792
Passaic	\$ 300,000
Salem	\$ 1,509,543
Somerset	\$ 688,640
Sussex	\$ 886,138
Warren	\$ 1,363,981

***Counties not listed paid out less than \$1k in FSA benefits.

