



FSA At Work Across Hawaii & Pacific Basin FY 2017

"During FY 2017, the USDA Farm Service Agency delivered over **\$30.8 Million** in Federal program payments and loans to Hawaii and the Pacific Basin's farmers and ranchers. Farm Service Agency is committed to serving the farmers and ranchers of our region by providing them support in times of economic insecurity or natural disasters as well as programs to expand their businesses."

AL Frenzel, State Executive Director

"Serving agricultural producers throughout Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

Conservation and Habitat Protection: \$869,000 Farm Service Agency (FSA) made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in Hawaii. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is the USDA's single largest, most effective environmental improvement program. The Hawaii Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (HI CREP) is part of USDA's CRP tailored for Hawaii's producers.

\$363,019 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and carry out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

\$ 326,650 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Hawaii CREP provides financial incentives, cost-share and rental payments to producers who convert highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive acreage to long-term tree and/or vegetative cover.

\$180,122 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) and other Conservation Programs funds are used to restore and preserve sensitive native grassland, pasture land and certain other vulnerable areas. The program conserves susceptible 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.



Farm Operating and Ownership Loans: **\$8.16 million**

Farm Service Agency obligated **\$8,168,285** in direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans, emergency loans and youth loans to eligible producers who manage family-sized operations and were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

\$4,079,360 - In Fiscal Year 2017, **166 Farm Operating Loans (Direct and Guaranteed)** provided capital for Hawaii and Pacific Basin producers to plant crops, purchase livestock or reorganize their operations.

\$4,088,925 - During this same fiscal year, **12 Farm Ownership Loans (Direct and Guaranteed)** provided assistance to Hawaii and Pacific Basin producers for the purchase of farm property or to make real estate improvements.

Of these Direct and Guaranteed Loans, \$7,154,785 were Special Qualified Loans. Farm Service Agency focuses credit resources on underserved groups and made 165 loans to minority and women producers and 103 loans to beginning producers. In addition, 24 Youth Loans were funded.

"Do right and feed everyone."

- Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue

Need Information? The Hawaii and Pacific Basin Farm Service Agency (FSA) internet site contains news and information on FSA programs, an FSA programs calendar, and hot links to other agriculture related sites. **Find the information you are looking for at: www.fsa.usda.gov/hi**

Disaster Assistance and Price Support: \$8.2 million

In 2017, Hawaii and Pacific Basin producers suffered production losses due to numerous natural disasters, including drought and a hurricane in Hawaii and Maui counties and excessive moisture and flooding in all counties. The Farm Service Agency aided producers in their businesses' recovery by extending financial and disaster assistance. Geographically disadvantaged due to isolated locations throughout the Pacific Ocean, producers were reimbursed for a portion of the higher transportation costs they incurred.

Disaster Assistance

\$ 2,557,259 - Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops in the event of weather-related crop losses.

\$ 3,297,196 - Livestock Forage Program provides financial assistance to producers that have suffered grazing losses due to a qualifying drought condition.

Price Support

\$ 829,257 - Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program (RTCP) reimburses geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers for a portion of the transportation cost for transporting their agricultural commodity, or inputs used to produce an agricultural commodity, during a fiscal year.



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