



An Overview of the Farm Service Agency

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What is the Farm Service Agency?



Sugar kelp on a line in Alaska. Credit: Sea Grove Kelp Co.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and provides programs and loans to help farmers, ranchers and agricultural partner organizations provide food, fuel and fiber to millions of people worldwide.

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What Does FSA Offer?

Farm Loans

- Ownership Loans
- Operating Loans
- Microloans
- Loan Guarantees

Farm Programs

- Disaster Assistance
- Safety Net
- Conservation Programs
- Risk Management



FSA Farm Loans

- Farm Loan Program (FLP) provides credit to agricultural producers who are unable to obtain private or commercial credit
- Designed to help farmers start, purchase or expand their farming operation, when they cannot obtain commercial credit.
- FSA loan officers are available to answer questions and to help with the application process.





Farm Loan Programs:

- **Direct Loan Programs:**

- Farm Ownership (FO), Operating (OL) and Microloan (ML)

*Interest rates for August:

FO-5.625%

OL- 5.375%

- **Guaranteed Loan Programs**

- **Beginning Farmer Down Payment Loan**

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Lending Limits

Direct Loans

- Operating: \$400,000
- Ownership \$600,000
- Microloan \$50,000
(Ownership and operating 50k each for a possible combined \$100,000)

Guaranteed \$2,236,000
million (*updated annually*)

Down Payment Loan: 45%
to a maximum of \$300,150



FSA Farm Programs

Farm Programs help agricultural producers:

- Manage market risks
- Recover from disasters
- Conserve and protect America's natural resources



Reimbursement Transportation Cost Program for Geographically Disadvantaged (RTCP)



- Allows farmers and livestock producers in Alaska, to recover costs to transport agricultural commodities or inputs used to produce an agricultural commodity
- Payments are calculated on partial reimbursement

Questions



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