



# USDA Farm Service Agency –

#### Beginning Farmer-Rancher Programs



Transforming Our Farms, Our Food and Our Future: Building the Road as We Go Kansas Rural Center – 2016 Annual Food and Farm Conference





#### FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

Farm Loan Programs provide loans, loan guarantees, and business planning to eligible farmers, ranchers, and others to promote, build, and sustain family farms in support of a thriving agricultural economy.

#### Who are our potential customers?

- Beginning farmers and ranchers
- Farmers whose needs may not be met by commercial credit
- Multigenerational family farms
- Underserved farmers and ranchers
- Veteran Farmers
- Value added farming operations
- Organic and specialty farmers
- Farmers who have hit hard times and now require a safety net







#### **FSA Farm Loan Programs**

- Direct Operating Loans
- Direct Farm Ownership Loans
- Microloans (up to \$50,000)
- Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loans
- EZ Guarantee (up to \$100,000)
- Emergency Loans
- Youth Loans (up to \$5,000)







#### FSA Microloans may include

- ü Initial start-up expenses; such as: hoop houses to extend the growing season
- ü Essential tools or equipment needed for the operation
- ü Irrigation equipment
- ü Marketing and distribution expenses
- ü Purchase of livestock
- ü Purchase or improvement of real estate
- Annual operating expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities and land rents
- **v** Loan amount limited to \$50,000







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- Loans to Beginning Farmers & Ranchers
  - In addition to general eligibility requirements, a beginning farmer/rancher may qualify to purchase real estate with the following additional conditions:
    - Has not operated a farm for more than 10 years.
    - Does not own real farm property exceed 30% of the average farm size in the county where the property is located.
    - The *average* farm size will be based upon information obtained from the **2012** Census of Agriculture. *Average* farm size by acres is available at the local FSA County Office to assist in this requirement.





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#### Youth Loans

- Establish and operate income producing projects.
- Be at least 10 years old but less than 21 years of age.
- Project must be participating in an established organization that supports agricultural projects, such as 4-H or FFA.
- The maximum loan available is \$5,000.







#### Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)

- FSA provides FSFL's to producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities, or to purchase equipment:
  - Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, wheat, etc. and hay
  - Milk, cheese, butter, yogurt, meat and poultry (unprocessed), eggs and aquaculture
  - Pulse Crops, including lentils, chickpeas and dry peas
  - Honey, Renewable biomass
  - Fruits, nuts, vegetables for cold storage facilities
  - Storage and handling trucks
- Maximum Ioan amount \$500,000
- A 15% down payment is required
- Loan Terms: 7, 10 or 12 years depending on amount of the loan with a fixed interest rate
- Microloans up to \$50,000 may require a lower down payment





## NAP Coverage

- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops to protect against natural disasters that result in low yields and crop loss.
- Beginning, limited resource, and targeted underserved farmers are eligible for a waiver of the application service fee and a 50% premium reduction if buy-up coverage is elected.
- Coverage levels includes <u>basic catastrophic</u> level coverage (50% production and 55% price) protection, with additional <u>buy-up</u> coverage levels ranging from 50 to 65% of expected production and 100% price protection.
- Contact your local FSA Service Center for additional program information.





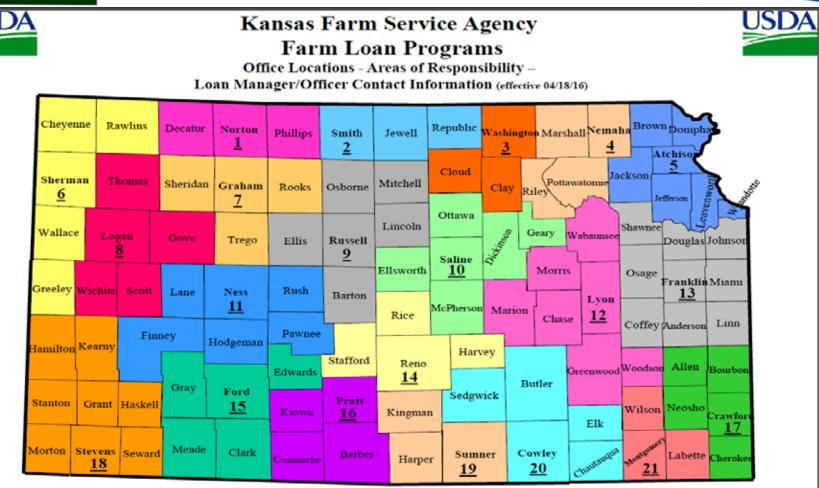
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