

USDA Farm Service Agency

General Farm Programs Overview

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Introduction to FSA Programs

- Federal Agency
- Disaster Assistance & Farm Loan
- Disaster Assistance- Farm Bill driven, commercial farmers/ranchers



Introduction to FSA Programs

Three main program areas:

- Crop and livestock disaster assistance
 - Conservation
- Ad hoc & Other Programs





Crop & Livestock Disaster Programs

Provide relief for losses due to natural disasters

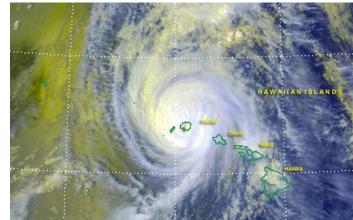
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
- Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP)



Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops affected by natural disasters

- Most Aquaculture is eligible; case by case determination
- Aquaculture Crop year Oct 1-Sept 30
- Signup deadline Sept 30th for ensuing year
- \$350 service fee per crop; Historically Underserved= Free
- Basic 50/55 or Buy Up 65/100
- Basic no premium; Buy Up charged premium (based on Max \$ value) following year
- Pay limit- Basic \$125,000; Buy Up \$300,000 per year





Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

- Drought; Excessive moisture; Volcanic eruption; Earthquake; Flood; Hurricane; Excessive wind; Secondary causes (insect, disease, heat, wildfire) related to above
- Controlled environment required; indigenous species not eligible; need to account for natural mortality
- Inventory documents required





Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP)

- Honeybee hive & colony loss, farm raised fish & feed losses; livestock water & feed hauling
- Fish death and feed losses due to eligible natural disasters



Conservation Programs Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

- Cost share program that restores farmland to pre-disaster conditions
- Debris removal, fence replacement, conservation structure replacement, etc.







 Reimbursement Transportation Cost Program (RTCP)





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Reimbursement Transportation Cost Program (RTCP)

- helps offset transportation costs of eligible expenses directly related to the production of ag commodities by reimbursing a portion of expenses during a fiscal year.
- Max payment \$8,000; factor applied



Where should you start? Establishing Basic Farm Records

Applicants to USDA programs must establish basic farm records.

- AD-2047 form- basic informationname, address, tax ID number (social security number, federal employer identification number), contact information, etc.
- Land documentation needed for all farm tracts- deed, leases, TMK number(s)





Payment Facts

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Payments made for all FSA Programs

Year	State of Hawaii
2022	\$14.6 million
2023	\$13.8 million



FSA Program Information

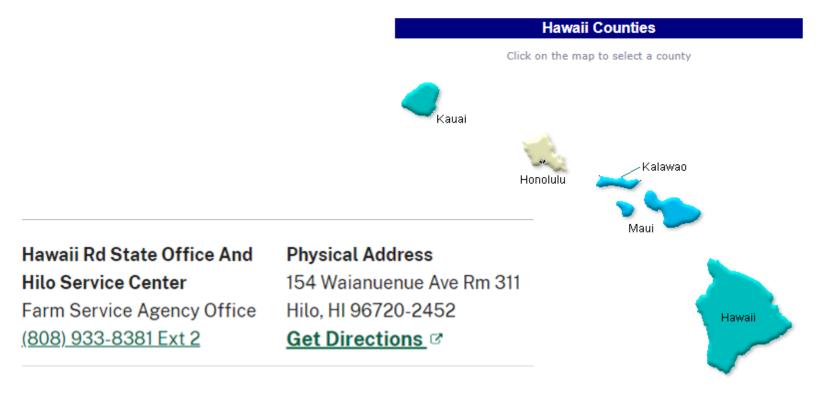
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