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Funding at a Glance

Program	Funds used as of 9/30/10	Number of Loans Funded	Compared to FY 2009
Guaranteed Operating - Unsubsidized	36,796,954	177	162
Guaranteed Operating-Interest Assistance	6,211,600	31	47
Direct Operating	47,821,462	676	722
Guaranteed Farm Ownership	28,578,021	92	78
Direct Farm Ownership	42,627,160	311	271
Conservation Loans	507,280	8	NA
Emergency Loans	14,510	1	8



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FSA received a supplemental appropriation of loan dollars for a final push to approve loans during the month of September. September 2010 proved to be our busiest end of fiscal year ever, since typically funds are exhausted until the new FY appropriations are approved.

Guaranteed Loan Limits have been increased to \$1,119,000 effective 10/1/10.

You may keep tabs on FSA loan funding as it is posted on a national basis by navigating to: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> (click on "Farm Loan Programs," then, click on "Funding")

Each year, Congress appropriates money for FSA Farm Loan Programs as part of the USDA budget. At this writing, Congress has not approved appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011, which began October 1st. As a result the President signed a Public Law to provide the Continuing Resolution (CR) for FY 2011 on September 30. The CR provides funding through December 3, 2010 or until a regular appropriation is in place.



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2-FLP Handbook Revisions – Conservation Loans

The current Handbook 2-FLP Guaranteed Loan Making and Loan Servicing is available online for lender's reference which include the latest amendment. Amendments are issued periodically to clarify Agency's policy.

On September 3rd, the handbook was amended to include the new Conservation Loan (CL) Program. Following is a brief description of this new loan program:

The CL program will provide farm owners and farm-related business operator's access to credit to implement conservation techniques that will conserve natural resources.

CL funds can be used to implement conservation practices approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), such as the installation of

conservation structures; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; implementation of manure management; and the adaptation of other emerging or existing conservation practices, techniques or technologies.

Here are highlighted previews:

- 75% guarantee
- Loan Limits fall within "FO" limits
- Streamlined application process for applicants meeting certain criteria
- 7-year / 20-year amortization

We plan to provide additional information and training regarding CLs at fall meetings.

The 2 FLP handbook and latest amendments are available to view or download at: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/2-flp.pdf



Annual Lender Training

FSA's annual on-site lender training meetings have returned! Please refer to the next page and choose a site convenient to you and your calendar – no reservations are required. The seven meetings that have been scheduled across Kansas may have a change in the time of day than what you are ordinarily accustomed to – so please make note of the date **and** time.

We hope the half-day format minimizes the time out of your office while still providing you with updates within FSA's guaranteed loan program.

All lenders, regardless of lender status, are invited and encouraged to attend! This will serve as annual lender training for PLP and CLP compliance. It is also important that the loan officer/staff that works with the guaranteed loan program at branch locations choose a site to attend. See you in November!

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting should contact Shelly Wolf at 785.564.4765 or by email: shelly.wolf@ks.usda.gov at least one week prior to the meeting.

Annual Lender Training Continued

Date/ Time	Site	Directions <i>If directions provided are not clear, please contact your local FSA Farm Loan Programs staff.</i>
Nov. 1 1:00 p.m.	Western Kansas Ag Research Center (Experimental Station) 1232 240 th Ave Hays, KS	1232 240 th Ave., Banquet Room, Hays http://www.wkarc.org/ Traveling West on I-70, take Exit 159 –or- East on I-70, take Exit 157. Traveling south down Vine Street when you reach the Hwy 183 bypass, turn back to the west and travel west to 240 th Ave Driving directions are available on their website.
Nov. 2 9:00 a.m.	Pratt County 4-H Building South 281 Hwy & KS 64 Pratt, KS	www.prattcountyextension.com The Pratt County Fairgrounds are located south of Pratt. Turning east off of Hwy 281 onto the Lake Road, also known as Kansas Hwy 64, the entrance to the fairgrounds is about ¼ mile east on the south side.
Nov. 3 9:00 a.m.	Lee Richardson Zoo Finnup Ctr Lecture Hall Garden City, KS	Finnup Center Lecture Hall @ Zoo, Garden City www.garden-city.org/zoo/GeneralInfo/Directions From Hwy 83 (Main St), take Finnup Dr. (between RR tracks and Arkansas River bridge) east to Fourth St.
Nov. 4 9:30 a.m.	Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center 703 W. 2 nd Ave Oakley, KS	703 W. 2 nd Ave, Oakley http://www.nkesc.org/ Once in Oakley on the west edge, at the Buffalo Bill statue on US 83 travel east about 1/4 mile on 2nd Street. The facility is on the south side of 2nd St.
Nov. 15 1:00 p.m.	Shawnee County Farm Bureau 3801 SW Wanamaker Topeka, KS	Farm Bureau Insurance, 3801 SW Wanamaker, Topeka <u>Individuals need to park on the south side of the building and enter the south doors.</u> Driving directions are off the web: http://maps.google.com/
Nov. 16 9:00 a.m.	Neosho Comm College Student Union Oak Room 800 W. 14 th Chanute, KS	800 W. 14 th , Chanute Take Hwy 75 S to Hwy 39 into Chanute. Go to South Plummer Ave, go south on S. Plummer to 14 th St. Go East on 14 th to campus. Student Union can be accessed from parking lot #2 off 14 th Street. www.neosho.edu
Nov. 17 1:00 p.m.	K-State at Salina College Center Building 2310 Centennial Rd. Salina, KS	2310 Centennial Road, Salina http://www.salina.k-state.edu/ From I-135 take the Magnolia Exit 90. Go west to Centennial Road. Turn north @ stoplight & proceed to KSU Salina campus which is on the west side of Centennial Road. Once on the campus, turn left to the parking lot on the south side of the College Center Building. ~A parking permit will be provided to you at the meeting~

How to Contact Kansas FSA State Office

New Phone numbers for Farm Loan Programs:

Main Farm Loan Programs Division	785.564.4764
Arlyn Stiebe, Farm Loan Chief	785.564.4759
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Find Kansas FSA on the web: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ks>

Find Kansas FSA on K-State Radio Network: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/>

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For more information on KS FSA's Guaranteed Loan Programs and to be added or removed from the email list-serve, Please visit the Kansas FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ks>



Feedback

FSA encourages lenders to provide suggestions, comments or ideas for future newsletter articles.

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