USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service — Randy Randall

Helping People Help the Land **Technical Assistance** Conservation Planning Identified Improvements Financial Assistance **Programs** http://www.nrcs.usda.go v/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ national/programs/

- Strike Force –
 concentrate efforts
 for underserved
 groups in counties
- Acequia Example

USDA – Farm Service Agency

Leland Swenson, Colorado State Executive Director

FSA Loans Available to Farm Operators & Owners

- Loans for Socially
 Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers
- Microloans
- Rural Youth Loans
- Loans for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

Targeted Funds – Socially Disadvantaged Applicants

Percentage of all loan funds are targeted just for Socially Disadvantaged Applicants, which include:

Women

Hispanics

Native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders

Blacks or African Americans

American Indians or Alaskan Natives

Asians

MICROLOANS

Maximum Loan Amount - \$35,000 Purpose:

Assist start-up operations, small farmers, veterans, and disadvantaged producers. Pay annual or term operating expenses. Provides reduced application, eligibility, and security requirements.

RURAL YOUTH LOANS

Loans up to \$5,000

Individual Rural Youth age 10 through 20 to finance income producing, agricultural-related projects.

Loans for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

An individual or entity who:

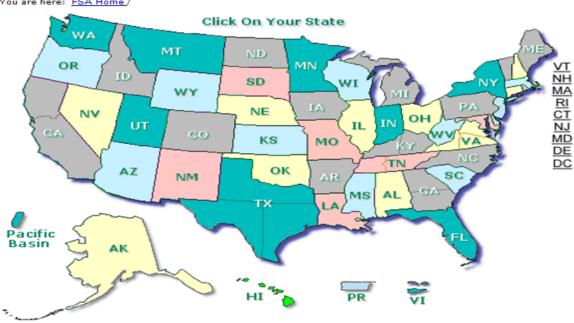
Meets loan eligibility requirements which can be found on www.fsa.usda.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Go to http://fsa.usda/gov/FSA/stateOffices

Select the state in which you have interest in – see next slide





Food and Nutrition Service

Administers 15 nutrition assistance programs to:

- Strengthen American agriculture; and
- End hunger and improve nutrition and health.

Food and Nutrition Service

StrikeForce target goals:

- Increase meals served in the Summer Food Service Program & School Breakfast Program
- Increase redemption of SNAP benefits at farmers' markets

Food and Nutrition Service

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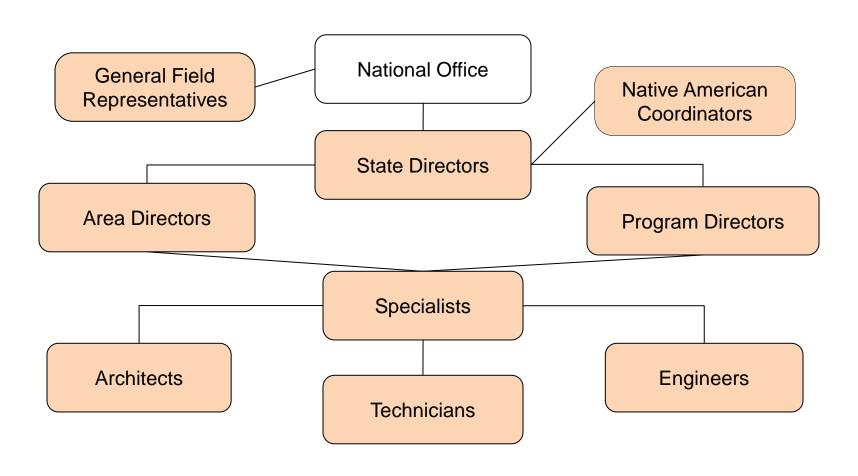




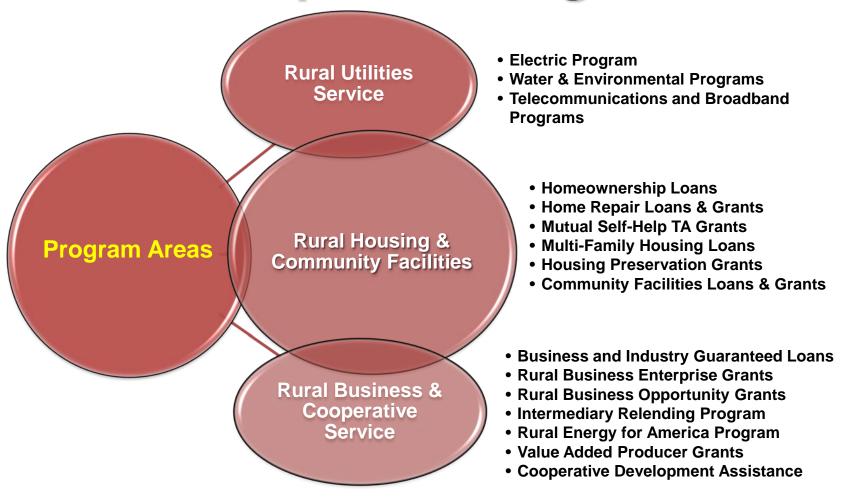




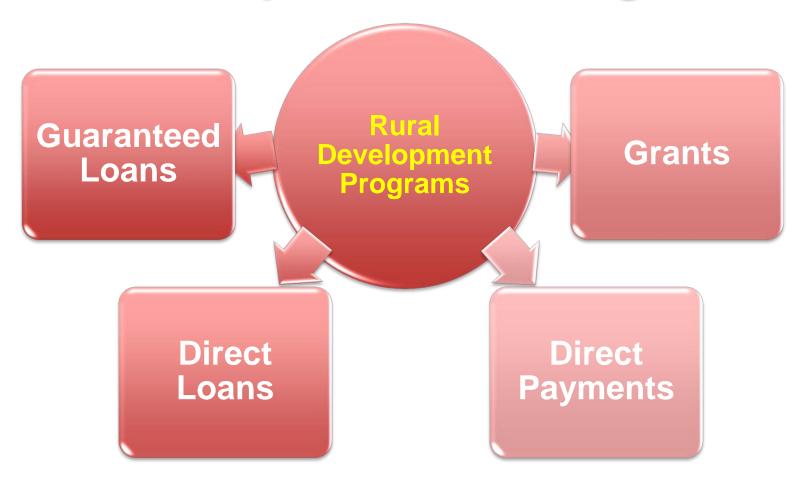
USDA Rural Development



Rural Development Program Areas



Rural Development Funding Streams



2009 - 2012 Summary of Investments \$1.7 billion benefitting American Indians & Alaska Natives

Including:

- Home Ownership Loans = \$419.9 million (3,468 loans)
- Water and Environmental = \$342.9 million
- Community Facilities = \$254.6 million
- Broadband = \$294 million
- Electric = \$283 million
- Rural Business and Cooperative Programs = \$74.9 million

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