



 provides America's farmers with a strong safety net through the administration of farm commodity and disaster programs



- provides credit to agricultural producers who are unable to receive private, commercial credit, including special emphasis on beginning, minority and women farmers and ranchers
- purchases and delivers commodities for use in international humanitarian food programs
- administers more than 40 programs



Provides low-interest financing Build or upgrade permanent storage facilities to assist producers with storage of many commodities, including those produced organically Eligible commodities Grains, oilseeds, peanuts, pulse crops, rye hay, honey, renewable biomass commodities, fruits and vegetables, floriculture, hops, maple sap, unprocessed meat and poultry, milk, cheese, butter, yogurt, eggs and aquaculture Must be produced on the farm Eligible Facility/Storage Structures Grain bins, hay barns, bulk tanks for milk, drying equipment, handling equipment and facilities for cold storage

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Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

Applicants must:

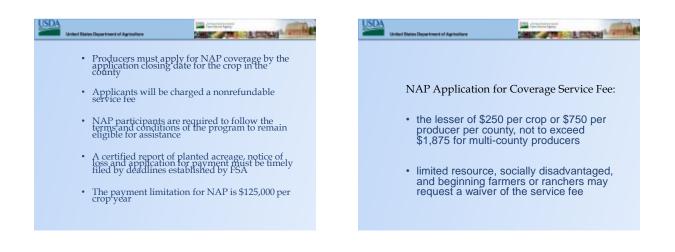
- · Produce an eligible commodity
- Demonstrate need for storage
- Have satisfactory credit and abilit
- No delinquent federal debt
- Proof of crop insurance, all peril, structural, and flood insurance, if applicable
- Comply with NEPA environmental laws

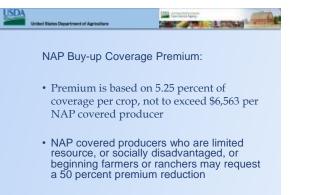


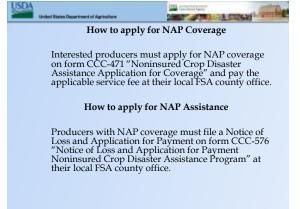










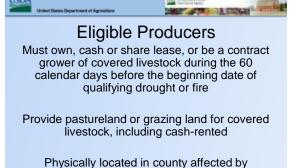






Eligible Counties - For Drought Eligible Livestock Eligible Livestock types under LFP Grazing Losses: include: Must be due to a qualifying drought condition during the normal grazing alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, period for the county. dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, Must have at least D2 severe goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, or sheep that would have been grazing on drought for 8 consecutive weeks eligible grazing land or pastureland. according to U.S. Drought Monitor

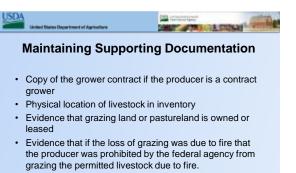




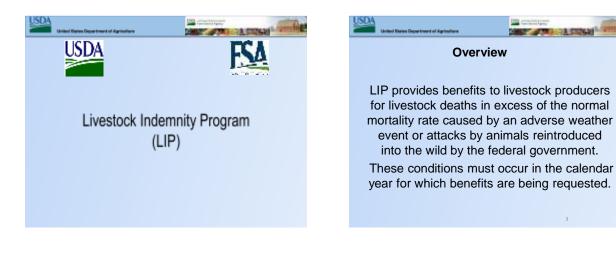
qualifying drought during normal grazing period



• Eligible livestock producers must submit a completed CCC-853 and supporting documentation no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing loss occurred

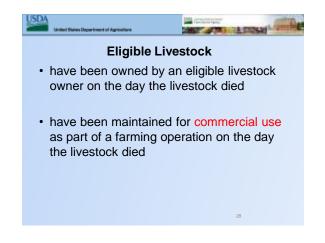


· Report of acreage for grazing land incurring losses

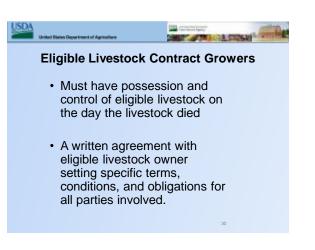




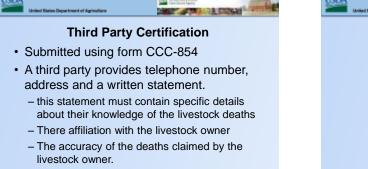
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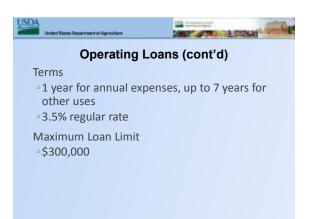






Use of funds

- Purchase of livestock, including poultry
- Purchase farm equipment
- Annual farm operating expenses
- Minor improvements or repairs to buildings
- Refinance certain farm-related debts, excluding real estate
- Costs associated with reorganizing a farm to improve profitability
- Land and water development, use, or conservation
- Loan closing and borrower training costs



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Farm Ownership Loans

Regular, Joint Financing, or Down Payment Loans Use of funds

- Buy or enlarge a farm or ranch
- Make a down payment on a farm
- · Construct, purchase or improve facilities essential to the farm operation

Terms

- Regular and Joint: Up to 40 years
- Down Payment: Up to 20 years
- 4% regular rate, 5% limited resource



Farm Ownership Loans (cont'd)

- Maximum Loan Limit
- Regular and Joint Financing: \$300,000 • Down Payment: 45% of whichever is the less, amount of the purchase price or the appraised value of the farm being purchased. Also not to exceed \$300,000.

Note about eligibility

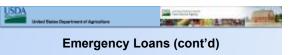
- Farmed for more than 3 years
- Own no more than 30 % of average size farm



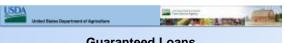
Use of funds

- Restore or replace essential property
- Pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year
- Refinance certain non-real estate operating debts Terms

- typically, 1 to 7 years
- Could go up to 20 years for repayment reasons if real estate security is available
- 4.5% (OL rate plus 1%)



- Maximum Loan Limit
- 100% of loss, up to \$500,000
- Additional Requirements
- Established farmer operated a farm during the incidence period in an area declared a disaster
- 30% reduction in a primary crop in a designated or contiguous county is required
- loan applicants must intend to continue farming
- the loss and/or damage to the farm operation must be directly attributed to the stated reason of the disaster declaration



Guaranteed Loans

OUsed to obtain loans from USDA-approved commercial lenders at reasonable terms to buy farmland or finance agricultural production.

You are lenders client, and lender is FSA's client

- Maximum Loan Amounts:
- o\$1,399,000: any combination of Guaranteed OL and FO Loans
- o\$1,399,000: Direct and Guaranteed loans of the same type

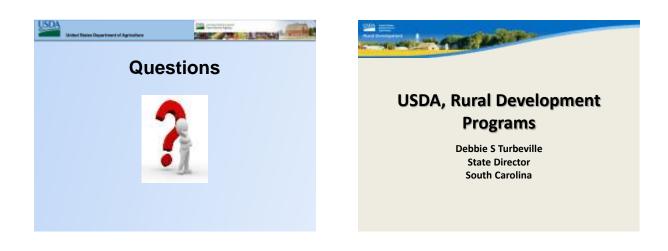
\$1,699,000: Direct and Guaranteed Loans of the same type, plus an additional Direct Loan of another type

olnterest rate:

• Determined by lender, but not to exceed the rate charged their average farm customer



- Information for affiliated owner/operators
- Be ready to discuss farming operation and goals







Funding Sources

- Grants
- Direct Loans
- Guaranteed Loans



Business Programs

- Business & Industrial Guaranteed Loans •
- Rural Business Development Grants •
- Intermediary Relending Program Loans Rural Economic Development Loans & Grants Rural Cooperative Development Grants
- •
- Value Added Producer Grants
- •
- Renewable Energy for America Program- Grants and Loans Cooperative Services
- Small Socially-Disadvantaged Producer Grants •
- Biomass Research and Development Initiative
- 1890 Land Grant Universities
- Rural Micro-Assistance Program



Business Programs

- Objectives: Create jobs and stimulate rural economies by providing financial backing through grants, direct loans & loan guarantees.
- Beneficiaries: Commercial lenders, local residents, businesses, local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, economic developers, farmers, cooperatives, etc.
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Business Programs Business & Industry Guarantee Loans

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- Bolsters the existing private credit structure by guaranteeing loans for rural businesses, allowing private lenders to extend more credit than they would typically be able to.
 - Eligible applicants include lenders with the legal authority, sufficient experience, and financial strength to operate a successful lending program.
 - Lenders may request a guarantee for borrowers that include for-profit businesses, nonprofits, cooperatives, federally recognized tribes, public bodies, and individuals.



Business Programs Rural Business Development Grants

- Technical assistance, training, and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas.
 - Business with <50 employees and <\$1 million in gross revenues.
 - Rural public entities are eligible, including but not limited to towns, communities, state agencies, nonprofits, institutions of higher education, federally recognized tribes, and rural cooperatives.



Business Enterprise Projects

- Revolving loan fund
- Infrastructure
- Buildings & equipment
- Technical assistance
- Distant Learning & telemedicine networks
- Etc.



Business Opportunity Projects

- Planning grant for economic development
- Target high poverty & high unemployment areas
- Technical Assistance
- Leadership training
- · Business support centers
- Feasibility Studies



Business Programs Intermediary Relending Program

- USDA provides low-interest loans to local intermediaries that re-lend for business and for community development projects in rural areas.
 - The intermediary may lend up to \$250,000 and 75% of the project cost to an ultimate recipient



Rural Economic Development Loans & Grants

- Hard to beat this one !!!!!
- · Help build your commnnity
- Know your cooperative board
- Gap financing
- Enhance cash flow
- Increase leverage



 Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy development for agricultural producers and rural small businesses; through grants for energy audits and renewable energy development assistance, financial assistance for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy systems via grants and loans.







Contact Information

Business & Cooperative Programs South Carolina

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- 803-253-3180 fax
- Jesse.risher@sc.usda.gov e-mail
- www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs website

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LOANS FOR LAND, FARMS & HOMES Mark Fox, AgSouth Farm Credit Dan Rummel, ArborOne Farm Credit



FARM CREDIT FAST FACTS

- Part of the Farm Credit system, the nation's leading and single largest agricultural lender
- In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Farm Credit Act into law, enabling farmers to gain access to much-needed credit.
- AgSouth & ArborOne are customer-owned cooperatives
- History of farm and agriculture lending for over 100 years





- Serving all 46 counties of South Carolina
- AgSouth has 12 offices in SC Serving 34 counties in the Southern and western portion Of the state
- ArborOne has 2 offices in SC Serving 12 counties in the Pee Dee Region of the state





PERSONALIZED FINANCING THROUGH RELATIONSHIP LENDING

Farm Credit makes the process of securing money to farm, purchase land or buy a home convenient, personalized and straightforward.



WE'VE BEEN FINANCING LAND FOR OVER A CENTURY

SC BRANCH LOCATIONS

We make loans for:

- Small & Large Acreage Tracts
- Farm Land
- Timber Land
- Raw Land
- Recreational Properties
- Residential Lots



TIMBER LOANS

- Timber acquisition
- Reforestation
- TIMO funding
- Maintenance/harvest







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FARM & LAND IMPROVEMENT LOANS

We make loans for:

- Fencing
- Barns & Sheds
- Irrigation
- Reforestation
- Land Clearing
- Livestock Purchases
- **Creating Road Systems**
- Equipment Loans: new or used
- Home Construction & Purchases





AVAILABLE TERMS

- Up to 30 year terms on home loans
- Up to 20 year terms or amortization on timber land/farm land/recreational property
- Up to 15 year terms on residential lots, poultry houses and specialized facilities
- 5 to 7 years on most equipment
- Repayment schedule can be tailored to meet cash flow generated by property / borrower
- Operating loans Revolving / Non Revolving



WE'VE BEEN FINANCING LAND FOR OVER A CENTURY

Benefits of financing through Farm Credit:

- Long-term financing
- Competitive rates and terms
- Up to 85% financing available
- · Lending staff specializing in land and timber financing
- Share in our profits
- **Refinance your existing loan**. Call a loan officer to lock in a long-term, fixed rate!



LEASING OPTIONS

Can lease for:

- EquipmentBuildings
- Vehicle fleet
- Irrigation

Advantages:

100% financing



- Fixed rates
- Lease payments deductible as operating expense
 Can help lower taxes
- Leasing is an alternative method of obtaining needed equipment and infrastructure without buying the asset.







ARBORONE

OTHER SERVICES

- Appraisals
- Crop insurance
- · Life insurance
- Farm Credit Express
- "Bond for Title" transactions



Patronage Refund Program

AgSouth & ArborOne have returned more than

\$553 million

in cash to our members since 1991!

We average a return of more than 25%

For every **\$1** in interest our members/borrowers have earned on their loan, we give them a quarter back Effectively lowers your interest rate by an average of 1 –





APPLYING FOR FINANCING

How does a lender decide what interest rate to charge on a loan?

- · The cost of money to the lender;
- · Required return for investors in the lender;
- · Servicing cost on the loan; and
- Risk premium
- Competition



ITEMS/INFO REQUIRED FOR A LOAN APPLICATION

- Purpose and Plan
- Balance Sheet
- Last 2 years' W2s or, if self-employed, last 2 years' tax returns
- Location / Type of all real estate owned
- · Loan information for all Liabilities
- Collateral Description



HOW TO INFLUENCE YOUR LENDER TO **MAKE YOUR LOAN?**

- Keep good records.
- Reduce the risk to yourself and your lender whenever possible.
- Have a reasonable plan ready for your lender to review.
- · Keep your lender informed.
- When you get a loan, use it for the purpose intended.
- Properly structure loan terms. ٠



LOAN QUALIFICATION WHAT WE LOOK FOR

Credit Worthiness

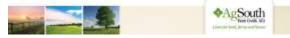
- -5 C's of Credit
 - Character
 - Conditions
 - Capital
 - Collateral
 - Capacity
- AgSouth

YOUNG, BEGINNING & SMALL FARMER PROGRAM

Young borrower – A farmer, rancher, or producer or harvester of aquatic products who is age 35 or younger as of the loan transaction date.

Beginning borrower – A farmer, rancher, or producer or harvester of aquatic products who has 10 years or less farming or ranching experience as of the loan transaction date.

Small borrower – A farmer, rancher, or producer or harvester of aquatic products who normally generates less than \$250,000 in annual gross sales of agricultural or aquatic products.



MICRO LOAN PROGRAM

- Standardized Line of Credit Product for YBSM
- \$100 Origination Fee
- Prime Interest Rate-Variable
- Loan Amount: tied to number of years in business



TOP 3 TAKE-A-WAYS

Top 3 Things About Farm Credit:

- Farm Credit is a reliable and consistent source of credit for farmers and has been for over 100years. 2.
- Our lenders understand farming and tailor repayment schedule to meet the cash flow generated
- As a cooperative, our member-borrowers own stock in our association and share in our profits each year through our patronage program. 3.

Top 3 Things About Applying for Financing:

- Lenders determine credit worthiness from the 5 C's of Credit:
- Character Conditions
- Capital Collateral
- Capacity
- 2. Good record keeping makes a strong, positive impression to your lender з.
- AgSouth and ArborOne have special programs for young, beginning and small farmers including micro loans and leasing options.



THANK YOU!

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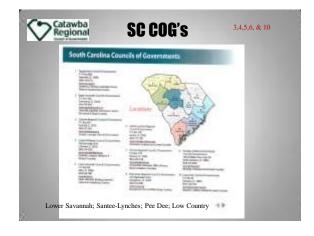


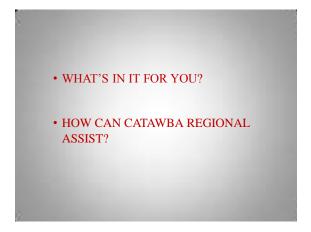


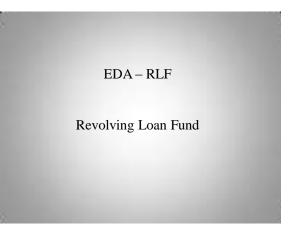
AGENDA

- COG Who we are & what we do?
- EDA's Revolving Loan Fund Program \$\$ for Agribusiness
- 32 Counties across South Carolina
- Program Parameters:
 - ⇒ Loans from \$50M-\$300M
 - Fixed Assets e.g. land, buildings, heavy-equipment
 - Flexible Terms & Conditions



































SCCLF LOAN		
LOAN AMOUNTS: PARTICIPATION LOAN)	TERMS \$10,000 TO \$1,000,000 (MAY BE HIGHER WITH	
INTEREST RATES:	3.50% TO 7.50%	
• MAX TERM: YEARS)	5-10 YEARS (MAY BE AMORTIZED UP TO 15	
COLLATERAL: OR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE)	REAL ESTATE IS PREFERRED (NO INVENTORY	
DEBT COVERAGE BUS.:	1.25	
DEBT COVERAGE DEV.:	1.15	
OWNER EQUITY BUSINESS:	20%	
OWNER EQUITY HOUSING:	10%	
 PAYMENTS 	FLEXIBLE	
• FEES ORIGINATION FEE; \$100 × LOA	\$500 APPLICATION FEE; 1.5 to 2.5 % LOAN www.SCCommunity and Fund.org	

SCCLF LOAN TERMS CONTINUED

 SCCLF-financed units must remain affordable for 20 years for homeownership and 10 years for rentals

 Non-profit organizations, government entities, and for profit businesses are eligible to apply

 Business plan/project description; management & technical

expertise required







Feeding Innovation And Timeline

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 APPLICATIONS DUE BY 5:00 PM MAY 22 – JULY 17 NXLEVEL BUSINESS PLAN COURSE FACILITATED BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

LIVE PITCH NIGHT WINNER AWARDED \$12,500

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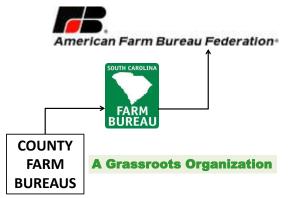
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SCFB Mission Statement



The mission of SCFB is to promote agricultural interests in the state of South Carolina and to optimize the lives of those involved in agriculture in South Carolina, while being respectful to the needs and concerns of all citizens of this state.















Youth Ambassador Program



Washington, D.C. Trip





SCFB Young Farmers & Ranchers Program







Collegiate Discussion Meet





Statewide YF&R **Award Winners**











POLICY & LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY



























Panel of Legislators during 2016 SCFB Young Farmer and Rancher Conference



SCFB Apiary Committee Initial Committee Organizational Meeting

Agritourism and Specialty Crops members worked hard in cooperation with industry partners for their Liability Law to be enacted



Under South Carolina law, an agritourism professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an agritourism activity resulting from an inherent risk associated with the agritourism activity. Vaneter SS, Tite 46, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 2000









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