



FACT SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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Food Assistance through the Commodity Credit Corporation

Commodity Purchases and Donations

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers farm commodity, farm credit and resource conservation programs for farmers through a nationwide network of state and county offices. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is a wholly-owned government corporation within USDA, which provides funding for farm programs and for the purchase, storage and disposal of surplus agricultural commodities owned by the federal government. FSA personnel act as administrative agents who manage CCC's inventory of bulk and processed commodities.

FSA purchases U.S. farm products and foods for domestic nutrition and food assistance programs that help individuals in need. In addition, FSA procures commodities for humanitarian aid efforts overseas. FSA's Kansas City, Mo., office is responsible for the procurement, storage and transportation of food commodities to fulfill USDA program commitments. Private industry works in partnership with FSA and other government agencies to supply the various programs with high-quality, nutritious products that meet program requirements.

Export Programs

FSA purchases commodities for use in the P.L. 480 Title II and III "Food for Peace" program

administered by the U.S. Agency for International Development, the "Food for Progress" program, the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition program and the Section 416 (b) program administered by the Foreign Agricultural Service. The purchased commodities provide nutritious foods for those people unable to provide for themselves. FSA purchases these commodities through competitive bids.

Commodities procured for use in these programs include processed grain products such as bulgur, wheat flour and cornmeal; blended foods such as wheat-soy blend and corn-soy blend; and pulses such as peas, beans and lentils. Also included are milled rice; vegetable oil; whole-kernel grains, such as wheat, corn and sorghum; dairy; and peanut products. Commodities may be provided directly from government-owned stocks when surplus commodities are available in inventory.

FSA's commodity managers, working with other federal agencies and international organizations, deliver about 3 million metric tons of grain and food products (valued at more than \$1 billion) each year to relief programs throughout the world.

Domestic Food Assistance

FSA and other USDA agencies purchase and deliver foods for various domestic food distribu-

tion programs. These include national school lunch, school breakfast, child and adult food care, summer food service, elderly feeding, charitable institutions, Indian reservations, emergency food assistance and special supplemental food for women, infants, and children. FSA is often called upon to quickly provide food aid for emergency situations such as hurricanes, floods and other natural disasters, and to mitigate chronic food shortages overseas.

FSA supplied approximately 614 million pounds of commodities such as grain, dairy, peanut and cereal products worth more than \$536 million during fiscal year 2009.

Additional Information

For information on FSA commodity operations, including purchase announcements and invitations to bid, contact either of the following offices:

Director, Commodity Operations
USDA, Farm Service Agency
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Washington, DC 20013
(202) 720-2121

USDA, Farm Service Agency
Deputy Director,
Kansas City Commodity Office
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Commodity	Quantity	\$ Value
Bakery Mix	4,665,595	\$4,069,729.55
Butter	9,278,015	\$9,889,549.24
Cereal	17,959,774	\$29,678,351.22
Cheese	153,566,638	\$238,713,020.70
Cheese, Bulk	71,366,407	\$107,337,070.69
Cornmeal	1,670,756	\$312,059.89
Dairy Formula	155,512	\$1,653,097.85
Farina	1,629,927	\$939,148.72
Flour	31,915,796	\$8,590,743.16
Flour, Bulk	20,586,290	\$5,104,178.59
Grains, Bagged	780,296	\$94,512.60
Grits	6,040,450	\$1,550,526.39
Masa Corn Flour	259,195	\$58,056.07
Milk-Dry	23,843,499	\$197,054,879.94
Milk-Fluid	106,852,487	\$46,526,343.12
Miscellaneous Products	5,824,862	\$5,922,119.02
Nuts	2,039,035	\$3,257,766.02
Oats	9,771,515	\$4,567,117.16
Oil	15,188,526	\$9,292,999.40
Oil, Bulk	4,450,007	\$1,770,717.71
Pasta	51,366,739	\$25,766,782.82
Peanut Butter	39,665,648	\$35,710,058.65
Rice	42,546,002	\$19,567,185.47
Rice, Brown	1,973,999	\$716,552.80

EXPORT PROGRAMS Fiscal Year 2009		
Commodity	Quantity	Value
	(1,000 Metric Tons)	(million dollars)
Processed Commodities	939.2	\$409.8
Grain	1,645.9	\$449.7
Peas, Beans, Lentils	114.8	\$138.0
Vegetable Oil	239.8	\$159.5
TOTAL	2,936.7	\$1,157.0

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