

U.S. Department of Agriculture Executive Order 13520, "Reducing Improper Payments"  
High-Dollar Overpayments Report  
1st Quarter FY 2014

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Farm Service Agency (FSA) Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Individual	Hockley, TX	\$7,853	\$0	\$7,853	County Office (COF) erroneously disbursed payment to a deceased producer.	Receivable established.	COF will continue to leverage and monitor the decease notification process in place. In the future, the modernized information technology (IT) platform will be enhanced to direct potential improper payments to deceased producers to FSA staff for additional/manual processing, which may lead to cancellation of improper payments prior to disbursement.
FSA CRP	Individual	Roosevelt, NM	\$15,080	\$0	\$15,080			
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FSA CRP	Individual	Fillmore, MN	\$8,008	\$0	\$8,008	COF issued CRP annual payment. However, the producer failed to meet the program requirement to report CRP acres which resulted in a contract termination.	Receivable established.	COF will remind producers of program requirements and review whether producers are adhering to program policies and procedures in order to receive program payment. COF will continue to conduct 2nd party reviews of program eligibility prior to issuing program payments.
FSA Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payments (DCP)	Individual	Jackson, KS	\$11,221	\$0	\$11,221	Controlling COF incorrectly flagged the producer as actively engaged for 2012.	Overpayment recovered. No further action required.	Error discovered in fiscal year 2013. The controlling COF made the correction in September 2013. Administrative COF employees will verify eligibility data with controlling COF employees/staff when servicing multi-county producers.
FSA DCP	Individual	Cottonwood, MN	\$17,457	\$0	\$17,457	COF entered the adjusted gross income (AGI) flag incorrectly in subsidiary files.	County Executive Director contacted the debtor twice. Payment arrangements are currently being made.	COF will be more diligent in loading flags into the subsidiary file and will conduct 2nd party reviews of program and eligibility data to ensure accuracy.
FSA DCP	Individual	LaSalle, TX	\$11,506	\$0	\$11,506	COF issued payment; however the producer never submitted the proper AGI form.	Receivable established and demand letters sent.	COF will ensure proper forms are on file and conduct 2nd party reviews.
FSA DCP	Entity	Frio, TX	\$27,054	\$0	\$27,054			
FSA DCP	Individual	Lafayette, MS	\$7,115	\$0	\$7,115	Producer certified he was not compliant with AGI provisions, however COF loaded the eligibility file incorrectly, allowing the improper payment.	Overpayment recovered. No further action required.	COF will ensure that AGI flags are set based on producer's certification and will conduct 2nd party reviews to ensure program eligibility, including AGI, is entered correctly.
FSA DCP	Individual	Warren, MS	\$6,049	\$0	\$6,049	COF entered incorrect year on the farm record which resulted in an erroneous payment.	Overpayment recovered. No further action required.	COF will implement 2nd party reviews to ensure applicable program data is entered correctly.
FSA DCP	Individual	Gaines, TX	\$5,552	\$0	\$5,552			
FSA DCP	Individual	Hale, TX	\$7,342	\$0	\$7,342			
FSA DCP	Entity	New Madrid, MO	\$47,636	\$23,818	\$23,818	One of the producers certified to being ineligible, however, the COF loaded the information incorrectly.	Flag setting corrected, receivable established and offsets are to be made.	COF will implement 2nd party reviews to ensure future AGI and other eligibility information is correctly entered.
FSA DCP	Entity	Rooks, KS	\$30,304	\$14,417	\$15,887	COF entered the incorrect AGI flag setting in the subsidiary file.	Flag setting corrected, receivable established and offsets are to be made.	The importance of a careful review of documents and eligibility updates was discussed with COF staff and 2nd party reviews will be conducted for producer eligibility.
FSA DCP	Entity	Rooks, KS	\$30,304	\$14,417	\$15,887	COF entered the incorrect AGI flag setting in the subsidiary file.	Flag setting corrected, receivable established and offsets are to be made.	The County Executive Director advised program technicians to be more diligent in loading AGI flags and the COF will conduct 2nd party reviews of program and eligibility data prior to payment.
FSA DCP	Individual	Des Moines, IA	\$9,290	\$0	\$9,290	Producer submitted the AGI form that exceeded the limitation. However, the COF erroneously updated subsidiary file as eligible.	Overpayment recovered. No further action required.	The State Office (STO) discussed with the COF the importance of properly updating files so that only eligible producers receive payments.
FSA Miscellaneous Disaster Program (MDP)	Individual	Potter, TX	\$30,007	\$3,007	\$27,000	COF failed to identify incorrect 2011 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) information in the payment software.	Overpayment recovered. No further action required.	COF employees responsible for certifying payments were told to be more careful about approving payments and will continue to conduct 2nd party reviews of program and payment information.

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FSA MDP	Individual	Harvey, KS	\$14,375	\$1,583	\$12,792	COF used the wrong SURE payment amount when loading the information for payment processing.	Overpayment recovered. No further action required.	COF will conduct 2nd party reviews of program and eligibility data prior to processing and issuing program payments.
FSA MDP	Individual	San Patricio, TX	\$9,855	\$5,752	\$4,103	COF failed to enter unharvested factor for NAP Grass on SURE workbook.		COF will continue to stay abreast of program regulations; verify data is loaded correctly; and conduct 2nd party reviews to ensure program eligibility information is entered correctly.
FSA MDP	Individual	Fayette, IN	\$30,276	\$0	\$30,276	COF incorrectly paid the wrong producer on the farm.	COF will perform 2nd party reviews on payment documents and verify correct producers are on contracts.	COF will perform 2nd party reviews on payment documents and verify correct producers are on contracts.
FSA MDP	Individual	Finney, KS	\$10,993	\$0	\$10,993	COF failed to load alfalfa production in the SURE workbook which would have made the producer ineligible for payment.		COF will perform closer reviews of SURE workbook data and conduct 2nd party reviews of program and eligibility data information prior to payment.
FSA MDP	Individual	Finney, KS	\$14,040	\$0	\$14,040		Receivable established and demand letters sent.	COF will review SURE workbook data and continue to conduct 2nd party reviews.
FSA MDP	Individual	Randall, TX	\$8,737	\$5,771	\$2,966	COF entered the incorrect production loss data in the SURE workbook.		COF will review SURE workbook data and continue to conduct 2nd party reviews.
FSA MDP	Individual	Washington, NE	\$37,827	\$18,299	\$19,528	COF discovered an incorrect SURE information report was used to determine the production loss and payment.	Overpayment recovered. No further action required.	Payment calculation spreadsheet was adjusted to calculate the correct payment amount. COF will monitor updates to SURE Information Reports and correct SURE payments when applicable.
FSA MDP	Individual	Livingston, IL	\$12,947	\$0	\$12,947	COF entered incorrect information based on data included in the SURE workbook. It was determined the producer was not eligible for the payment.		COF will ensure that a 2nd party review of all SURE workbook data and calculations are completed before payment.
FSA MDP	Individual	Lincoln, CO	\$9,484	\$2,240	\$7,244	COF loaded the incorrect acres for sorghum on the SURE workbook.	COF issued the payment to the incorrect trust. There are two trusts in the system with similar names.	COF will conduct 2nd party reviews to ensure program and eligibility data is accurately entered and reflected on program records and forms prior to payment.
FSA MDP	Individual	Cowley, KS	\$10,942	\$0	\$10,942			COF will conduct 2nd party reviews to ensure program and eligibility data is accurately entered and reflected on program records and forms prior to payment.
FSA Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC)	Individual	Brown, WI	\$8,512	\$0	\$8,512	COF entered the incorrect milk production/pounds for April.	Offset of subsequent MILC and DCP payments were collected. COF will utilize offset demand letter procedures and normal collection process for the remaining balance.	COF will more thoroughly review processing of MILC payments and ensure 2nd party reviews are completed.
FSA Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)	Individual	Frio, TX	\$21,483	\$0	\$21,483	COF issued payment; but the producer never submitted the proper AGI form.	Receivable established and demand letters sent.	COF will ensure proper forms are on file and conduct 2nd party reviews.
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Farm Security and Rural Investment Programs (FSRIP)	Individual	Rutland, VT	\$9,000	\$2,625	\$6,375	Overpayment due to composting facility not installed per NRCS's specifications.	Debt was waived by State Conservationist.	Annual quality assurance reviews are performed to ensure that contracts are in compliance with NRCS policy. Additionally, a detailed checklist was provided to field personnel to address issues noted during a spot check.
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Jefferson, NY	\$13,975	\$9,227	\$4,748	Overpayment due to fencing, animal trail, and walkway not installed per NRCS's specifications.	Demand letter issued.	Annual quality assurance reviews are performed to ensure that contracts are in compliance with NRCS policy. Additionally, training was provided to field personnel.
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Lindenwood, IL	\$40,000	\$23,822	\$16,178	Participant did not have control over the land for which he was paid.	Demand letter issued.	During annual contract status reviews, field offices are reminded to verify contract acreage to ensure that land no longer under the participant's control is removed from the contract and future payment calculations.
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Warwick/Cecil, MD	\$14,236	\$8,791	\$5,445		Overpayment recovered. No further action required.	
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Roanoke Rapids, NC	\$5,027	\$0	\$5,027	Participant was not eligible because AGI did not	Demand letter issued for recovery of	NRCS issued guidance per several national

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NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Tuskegee/Macon, AL	\$5,120	\$0	\$5,120	meet program requirements.	improper payments made to participants not compliant with AGI requirements.	bulletins to state offices. Additionally, NRCS implemented changes to the ProTracts software to assist in detecting and preventing AGI related improper payments. FSA is currently in the process of reviewing 2009-2012 contract years.			
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Selma/Dallas, AL	\$5,304	\$0	\$5,304						
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Bay Minette/Baldwin, AL	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500						
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Park Hills, MO	\$7,710	\$0	\$7,710						
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Weston, MO	\$27,499	\$0	\$27,499						
NRCS FSRIP	Entity	Napa, CA	\$33,378	\$0	\$33,378						
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	New Castle, DE	\$6,390	\$0	\$6,390						
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Hamilton/Marion, AL	\$19,716	\$0	\$19,716						
NRCS FSRIP	Entity	Miami, TX	\$27,297	\$0	\$27,297						
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Bay Minette/Baldwin, AL	\$30,469	\$0	\$30,469						
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Henniker, NH	\$40,899	\$0	\$40,899						
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Dubois/Fremont, WY	\$92,997	\$0	\$92,997						
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Warrenton, MO	\$6,553	\$0	\$6,553						
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Richlands, VA	\$8,747	\$0	\$8,747						
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Mount Sidney, VA	\$12,392	\$0	\$12,392						
NRCS FSRIP	Entity	Damascus, VA	\$140,322	\$0	\$140,322						
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Washington, AR	\$6,660	\$4,252	\$2,408				Participant mistakenly paid twice for one practice due to a system error.	Demand letter issued.	NRCS is working with the Departmental IT staff to implement a systems solution to prevent these types of overpayments.
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Clay, AR	\$6,664	\$0	\$6,664				Participant did not have control over the land for which he was paid.	A national bulletin issued by the state requires that mandatory contract reviews be conducted to confirm participant and land eligibility as a precaution during payment process.	
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Clay, AR	\$6,664	\$0	\$6,664						
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NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Clay, AR	\$21,115	\$0	\$21,115						
NRCS FSRIP	Entity	Clay, AR	\$29,735	\$0	\$29,735						
NRCS FSRIP	Entity	Clay, AR	\$56,310	\$0	\$56,310						
NRCS FSRIP	Entity	Greene, AR	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000						
NRCS FSRIP	Entity	Great Falls, MT	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	Entity did not register in SAM.gov and was therefore not eligible for payment.	State Office is currently in the process of developing a procedure to ensure SAM registration has been completed.				
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Gloucester, VA	\$8,240	\$0	\$8,240	Contract items were completed before all necessary approvals were obtained and the required waiver was not obtained.	Training sessions were held in November that addressed improper payment issues and how to avoid future improper payments.				
NRCS FSRIP	Individual	Gloucester, VA	\$9,848	\$0	\$9,848						
Rural Housing Service (RHS) Rental Assistance Program (RAP)	Individual	Bridgeville, DE	\$34,393	\$7,744	\$26,649	Income calculation/reporting issues.	Payment agreements are in place for tenant to repay improper payment. If payment is not received, RD will send debt to the Treasury Offset Program for collection.	Legislative proposal submitted to target income reporting.			
RHS RAP	Individual	Pahokee, FL	\$31,549	\$17,597	\$13,952						
RHS RAP	Individual	Homerville, GA	\$5,690	\$135	\$5,555						
RHS RAP	Individual	Willacoochee, GA	\$15,558	\$7,290	\$8,268						
RHS RAP	Individual	Logansport, LA	\$9,259	\$3,737	\$5,522						
RHS RAP	Individual	New Bern, NC	\$7,490	\$1,013	\$6,477						
RHS RAP	Individual	Shelby, NC	\$9,931	\$1,333	\$8,598						
RHS RAP	Individual	Grandview, WA	\$6,489	\$505	\$5,984						

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Forest Service (FS) Wildland Fire Suppression Management (WFSM)	Entity	Redwood Valley, CA	\$53,452	\$0	\$53,452	FS payment processor entered the incorrect agreement number and it was not caught by approver.	Overpayment recovered. No further action required.	Payment processor and approver received additional training. A meeting was held with staff to provide instruction on why error occurred and how to avoid repeating it.
FS WFSM	Entity	St. Louis, MO	\$50,247	\$0	\$50,247	Contracting Officer (CO) approved an invoice for a multi-jurisdictional fire incident that was not FS' responsibility.	Bill for collection issued.	FS Acquisition Management implemented a process to have a CO verify whether multi-jurisdictional incident invoices will be paid by the host unit or FS. The CO will review fund codes in the FireCode system to ensure it is a FS code.
FS WFSM	Entity	St. Louis, MO	\$52,609	\$0	\$52,609			
Risk Management Agency (RMA) Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Program Fund (FCICPF)	Entity	Anoka, MN	\$232,793	\$0	\$232,793	RMA determined the company was not in compliance with FCIC policy or procedure in computing the premium and indemnity.	Final findings were issued by the Agency to the reinsured company, accounts receivable were established for the overpayments and recovery actions initiated. Most receivables have been recovered. A small amount of contested receivables continue in due process review.	Provide corrective actions specific to each reinsured entity that address the types of errors identified relative to acreage reports, indemnity calculations, underwriting, and/or entity identification. Assess appropriate penalties on participating reinsured companies to improve improper payment rate. Use data mining to identify and spot check anomalous crop insurance participants using expanded data analysis that includes geospatial NEXRAD radar and weather information.
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Anoka, MN	\$117,815	\$65,739	\$52,076			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Cincinnati, OH	\$394,345	\$260,942	\$133,403			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Ramsey, MN	\$64,568	\$30,827	\$33,741			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Ramsey, MN	\$364,845	\$0	\$364,845			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Amarillo, TX	\$213,872	\$5,121	\$208,751			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Johnston, IA	\$135,961	\$67,981	\$67,980			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Johnston, IA	\$86,599	\$35,660	\$50,939			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Johnston, IA	\$121,208	\$0	\$121,208			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Lubbock, TX	\$248,400	\$0	\$248,400			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Amarillo, TX	\$54,028	\$0	\$54,028			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Amarillo, TX	\$35,442	\$0	\$35,442			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Amarillo, TX	\$27,716	\$0	\$27,716			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Anoka, MN	\$111,748	\$0	\$111,748			
RMA FCICPF	Entity	Johnston, IA	\$177,836	\$0	\$177,836			

A high-dollar overpayment is a payment in excess of 50 percent of the correct amount.  
For an individual the threshold is \$5,000 as a single payment or in cumulative payments for the quarter.  
For an entity the threshold is \$25,000 as a single payment or in cumulative payments for the quarter.