

U.S. Department of Agriculture Executive Order 13520, "Reducing Improper Payments"								
High-Dollar Overpayments Report								
4th Quarter FY 2012								
Name of Program Responsible for Overpayment	Recipient (Entity or Individual)	City/County and State	Total Dollar Amount of the Payments Identified (Sum of Proper Amount and Overpayment Amount)	Proper Dollar Amount That Should Have Been Paid	Overpayment Dollar Amount	Reason For Overpayment	Actions Taken or Planned to Recover the Overpayment	Overall Actions and Strategies Taken or Planned to Prevent Overpayments in the Future
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Farm Security and Rural Investment Program	Individual	Mohall/Renville, ND	\$7,219	\$3,604	\$3,615	Advanced payment was issued, and participant did not fully complete practice to NRCS standards and specifications.	Demand letter was issued.	Queries are available to program managers/field offices to monitor the status of advance payments. Participants failing to complete their conservation practice within the specified time, as determined by the State Conservationist, will be found in contract violation and required to refund the advance payment.
	Individual	Huron, OH	\$13,466	\$8,902	\$4,564	Participant lost control of acres for which he/she was paid.		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.
	Individual	Howard, IA	\$13,854	\$7,508	\$6,346			
	Individual	Fayette, IA	\$10,266	\$0	\$10,266	Participant was paid for acres that were erroneously certified.		Field offices are reminded of existing national policy that requires line officers to: (1) Obtain, record, and file information on quantity of practice units installed; (2) Verify that all practices completed meet approved standards and specifications and are part of a policy-compliant conservation plan ; (3) Document spot checks of completed conservation practices; (4) Check a sufficient number of certified practices in accordance policy; and (5) Record evidence that all necessary corrective action has been completed.
	Individual	Howard, IA	\$31,172	\$0	\$31,172			
	Individual	Jackson, OH	\$8,484	\$3,868	\$4,616			
	Entity	Davis, CA and Arlington, VA	\$73,874	\$0	\$73,874	A Financial Management Modernization Initiative (FMMI) processing error caused an additional payment to be issued when the advanced payment was liquidated.	The CA overpayments were recovered. The VA overpayment was offset against a subsequent invoice.  Overpayment was recovered.	NRCS and the Department are working on a solution to prevent FMMI from issuing improper payments caused by liquidating advances.
	Entity	Olathe, KS	\$53,729	\$0	\$53,729			
	Entity	Garner/Hancock, IA	\$109,558	\$0	\$109,558			
	Entity	Garner/Hancock, IA	\$176,883	\$0	\$176,883			
	Entity	Garner/Hancock, IA	\$353,511	\$176,628	\$176,883			
	Entity	Marshalltown/Mars hall, IA	\$234,268	\$0	\$234,268			
	Individual	Clarendon, SC	\$31,300	\$20,000	\$11,300	Participant's 2011 payments exceeded the \$20,000/yr limitation amount.	Per National Appeals Division's ruling, participant is not required to repay the funds.	NRCS has second level review processes in place that help prevent a producer/participant from exceeding payment limitations. NRCS will continue to provide training and information to states regarding payment limitations. Program guidance will be posted to E-directives to include payment limitation information.
	Individuals	Richmond/Ray, MO	\$13,536	\$0	\$13,536	The participant did not comply with the terms of the contract. Acres were converted to the production of a grain crop.	Demand letter was issued.	Guidance will be reinforced to ensure that activities are properly applied prior to certifying completion. State Conservationists will be reminded of existing national policy that NRCS retains approval authority for all practice documentation and certifications and that adequate supporting documentation must be provided.
Individual	Paulding, OH	\$69,186	\$33,934	\$35,252	The participant did not comply with the terms of the contract. The participant was paid for enhancements that were not performed to the extent identified in the contract.			
Entity	Sells, AZ	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000	The participant was given an advanced payment for a practice on their contract. The work was not completed.			
Forest Service Wildland Fire Suppression Management	Entity	Chico, CA	\$165,452	\$83,315	\$82,137	Payment made off a duplicate invoice.	Bill for Collection was issued.	A reminder was sent to the Incident Finance (IF) staff reiterating the payment process. IF branch has internal controls to check for duplicate payments.
	Entity	Los Angeles, CA	\$98,217	\$49,109	\$49,109			