



Fiscal Year 2012 Progress Report



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Georgia

Historic Investments in Rural Communities Help Strengthen Rural Economy

A letter from Secretary Vilsack

Since 2009, President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment in rural communities that have made them stronger and more vibrant. Under the President's leadership, investments in broadband, businesses, housing, safe water and community facilities have benefited rural America – strengthening not just the rural communities themselves, but the overall economy.

In June 2011, President Obama announced the establishment of the White House Rural Council to enhance coordination between the Department of Agriculture and other government departments to facilitate program delivery. This year the Rural Council played a major role in helping communities stay resilient through a historic drought – and I know that we can carry out even more work together in 2013.

The president's decision to expand investments in rural development and establish the Rural Council is paying off. The rural economy is growing, thanks to the success of a comprehensive rural strategy and vision for the future to spur innovation and expand opportunities for rural enterprises. Agriculture is now one of the fastest-growing parts of our economy – it's related in some way to one out of every 12 American jobs.

Smart investments in clean energy, through the Administration's "all-of-the-above" energy strategy, are another key component of this comprehensive rural effort. In 2012, USDA Rural Development invested more than \$76 million in about 1,600 renewable energy projects across rural America. Energy savings from these renewable energy projects, everything from anaerobic digesters and wind turbines to energy efficient doors on your grocer's freezer case, are freeing up revenue that can be reinvested in rural America. Energy savings are also passed along to the end-consumers, lowering their energy costs and boosting their available household incomes. Further, we helped make possible additional advanced biorefineries and, since 2009, Rural Development has helped make possible nine such projects across America.

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(Continued) USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our core American values. This report tells many of the stories of how USDA assistance has helped to improve the economic stability of rural towns, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. In 2012, Rural Development helped carry out more than 1,500 new Community Facility projects – helping libraries, medical centers, schools and more. This report explains how Federal employees across America are partnering with local citizens to complete to help rural communities at large.

Finally, Rural Development continued in its record efforts to help small, rural businesses grow and thrive. We provided nearly 10,000 additional loans and grants for rural businesses this year – and since 2009 USDA has provided nearly 60,000 such efforts to help rural business grow and thrive.

We must continue to make critical investments in broadband, bio-products, and strengthening capital markets for rural America, and targeting those investments to the parts of rural America that face the greatest economic need. If the past four years have taught us anything, we have learned that the key to a strong economy and the long-term fiscal health of America is smart, efficient, and effective investment in rural America.

I am proud of the role that our rural communities played this year to keep the American economy moving forward. President Obama and I are committed to ensuring that they remain great places for families to live for generations to come. I am pleased that we can share these successes with you.



Thomas Vilsack
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Business and Cooperative Programs



USDA Rural Development's Business and Cooperative programs boost rural businesses through loan guarantees, gap financing and technical assistance. Our energy programs help farmers and small business owners install renewable energy systems and improve energy efficiency. The Business and Industry Loan program has a proven track record of creating jobs and expanding opportunities...Whether it's a multi-million dollar business expansion or a small energy efficiency improvement project, Rural Development's Business & Cooperative programs are here to help.

In addition to loans, grants and loan guarantees, we offer a wide range of technical assistance to cooperatives and people interested in forming new cooperatives.



SUCCESS STORIES

Manufacturer Fills Niche Market—Doubles Workforce!

Atlanta Gear Works offers custom gearing, in-place repairs and field machining of specialized gears used mainly in the pulp and paper industry but also by steel mills, power plants and the U.S. Navy. In 2010, USDA Rural Development Georgia provided an 80% Guaranteed \$4,849,000 Business and Industry (B&I) Loan.

The influx of funding from USDA has allowed the company to invest in equipment and become state of the art, with the ability to work on bigger and more complex gears. Sales have grown from \$2.7 million in 2010 to \$7 million in 2012 with the addition of the 5 pieces of specialized equipment that was purchased with funds from USDA.

The highly specialized Niles ZE1200 gear grinder, one of five different pieces of equipment purchased with this B&I loan, brings Atlanta Gear Works Inc. to a new level. They now attract business nationwide from a larger variety of clientele including the U.S. Corp of Engineers and the Department of the Navy.

In fact, a second work shift has been added to keep up with the demand for work orders using the Niles. Now 31 Machinists are employed by the company, up from 12 who were on board before the loan.

Assisted Living Facility Provides Quality Living and Skilled Jobs

USDA Rural Development worked in concert with Southeast Lending Consultants, LLC and Morris Bank to provide Gracemont Holdings & Investment, Inc & Gracemont Assisted Living & Memory Care, Inc with an 80% Guaranteed \$4,751,000 Business & Industry Loan to purchase 6.9 acres adjacent to Gracemont Assisted Living & Skilled Nursing Center and to build an additional facility (Gracemont II). This is Georgia's first licensed Assisted Living Services Facility.

Gracemont offers freshly prepared meals, new, modern rooms with full bathrooms, a recreation and entertainment schedule and a skilled staff of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) and Certified Medication Aides (CMA) in its state-of-the-art facility. Ninety One (91) Direct care skilled jobs were created, the facility provides Age in Place living for 112 senior citizens and there is a 1:8 Direct care staff-to-resident ratio, exceeding the industry requirement of 1:15

Business and Cooperative Programs for Renewable Energy



The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) provides assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to complete a variety of projects, including renewable energy systems, energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy development, energy audits, and feasibility studies.

Eligible projects include those that derive energy from a wind, solar, biomass, micro-hydro or geothermal source, or hydrogen derived from biomass or water using wind, solar, or geothermal energy sources. Awards are made on a competitive basis for the purchase of renewable energy systems and to make energy improvements.

See <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/GAEnergyPage.html> for more information.

Rural Development Georgia invested \$2.5 million in Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Projects during Fiscal Year 2012.



SUCCESS STORIES

Biofuel Company Creates 35 Jobs

The SEGA Biofuels, LLC facility was formerly Biomass Innovations LLC, a briquetting manufacturing plant which began operations in 2009, and stopped operations in June 2011. Now, SEGA is converting the plant to produce wood pellets for export to the European Union and to later expand the capacity.

USDA Rural Development provided an \$8,370,610 Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan and \$1,304,390 Rural Energy for America Program Business and Industry funds to purchase land and building, purchase equipment, provide working capital, acquire the existing units of Biomass Innovations, LLC from East Kansas Agri-Energy, and pay loan fees. SEGA marketing has already secured a contract to supply wood pellets to an active commodity brokerage in Copenhagen, Denmark and discussions with other entities for marketing agreements are also in progress. SEGA will retain the existing plant management team and most of the production staff to assure continuity of operations, 35 jobs in all are created by this new Biofuels business.

Energy Efficiency Upgrades

The practices that can help us save energy in our own homes, such as sealing leaks, insulating and updating cooling systems and replacing light bulbs, are also being used to make Georgia's farming industry more efficient.

As part of USDA's Rural Energy for America Program, farmers can receive 25 percent of the funding they need to help make their farms more energy efficient.



Examples of essential operating equipment eligible for efficiency upgrades- Pictured left to right: Grain Dryer needing upgrade, newly installed efficient tobacco barn burner, and an inefficient diesel irrigation motor.

Business and Cooperative Programs for Local Foods



Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food is a USDA wide effort to create economic opportunities by better connecting

consumers with local food producers. USDA Rural Development assists producers bringing their goods to their local communities, and supports economic growth and development in rural areas.

According to USDA research, local and regional markets often provide farmers with a higher share of the food dollar, and money spent at a local business which continues to circulate within the community providing greater economic benefits to the area.

Rural Development is committed to the future and success of local and regional food systems throughout Georgia. Funding local foods infrastructure such as farmers' markets boosts the local economy. For example, in July 2012, the City of Sylvester received a Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) for \$25,000 to fund the Downtown Sylvester Farmers Market. The Farmers Market will expand and revitalize downtown by creating a central hub for local farmers and vendors to sell locally grown fruits, vegetables, arts and crafts.

The Value-added Producer Grant (VAPG) program helps producers increase farm income and create new jobs by supporting production practices, marketing, and processing that add value to a product, or through the development of mid-tier value chains. VAPG funds can go to individual producers, organizations representing agricultural producers and farming and ranching cooperatives among others.



SUCCESS STORIES

Cannery Stimulates Local Foods Economy

USDA Rural Development Georgia contributed \$92,000 through the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program to Union County to purchase cannery equipment for a new cannery facility. Total cost of the cannery is anticipated to be \$350,149. This project will enable local residents and tourists to can fresh fruits and vegetables that are produced in the Union County and surrounding area. This will also stimulate the local economy with the purchase of canning supplies and fresh fruits and vegetables.



Southern Style Favorite Expands to 13 State Territory

USDA Rural Development provided a Value Added Producer grant for \$300,000 to be used for activities directly related to the processing and marketing of Lauri Jo's Southern Style Value-Added products.

Using old family recipes to create new recipes, Lauri Jo's Southern Style Canning provides the market with products that are not common in all parts of the country. They produce multiple raw commodities, including tomatoes, okra, bell peppers, jalapeno peppers, banana peppers, and Tabasco (ornamental) peppers.

They have constructed a new 400 square foot facility where they will be expanding their process capacity from being able to cook one product to four cooking stations with different products in each station.

The facility will also have a "Southern Style Market Place" retail area where their products will be sold.



With this value-added project, Lauri Jo's Southern Style Canning expanded their existing market and increased the financial returns to them as the agriculture producers/owners of this venture. The business now serves their "Southern Favorites" in 13 states and counting. They proudly shop with local farmers and support their Southern roots.



Essential community infrastructure is key to ensuring that rural areas enjoy the same basic quality of life and services enjoyed by those in urban areas. USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities Program offers grants, direct loans and loan guarantees to develop or improve essential community services and facilities in rural areas.

Public bodies and non-profit organizations can use the funds to construct, expand or improve facilities in rural areas of up to 20,000 that provide health care, education, public safety, and public services, including hospitals, clinics, senior care facilities, child care, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, vocational and medical rehabilitation centers, group homes, schools, cultural facilities, and public transportation. These facilities not only improve the basic quality of life, but also increase the competitiveness of rural communities in attracting and retaining businesses.



Rural Hospital Makes Essential Upgrades

R. J. Taylor Memorial Hospital, Inc. (Hawkinsville, Pulaski County, Georgia) received a \$3,408,000 Community Facilities loan to purchase and install an Electronic Medical Records system under the incentive program offered by the federal government that will ensure access to superior quality integrated health care in a fiscally responsible manner. This highly sophisticated equipment will be purchased, installed and maintained through an appropriate, qualified vendor. Electronic Medical Records are essentially an electronic point-of-care capture of medical data that can be easily accessed and allow for integration across different healthcare settings by being embedded in net-work connected enterprise-wide information systems. Such records may include a whole range of data in comprehensive or summary form, including demographics, medical history, medication allergies, immunization status, laboratory test results, radiology images and billing information. Because all patient data is stored electronically, data gathering is simplified for running needed organizational, state, and federal reports.

Fire Station Construction Completed in West Point, GA

In June 2012 the City of WestPoint celebrated the completion of the new fire station on the Kia Parkway. The fire station is a new state-of-the art facility located closer to the geographic center of the city that will provide better fire protection to the citizens of West Point due to community growth and will improve emergency response time. Ground breaking and construction of the 4 bay 14,000 square foot fire station began in July, 2011, with a \$2.15 million loan in Recovery Act funds through USDA Rural Development Community Facilities program. The new station houses 7 firefighters per shift.

- It is located less than 1/2 mile from the KIA Plant and was a major component in securing the company.
- Fire station will house the fire truck which was purchased with funds through USDA-Rural Development.
- City received a Community Facility Loan and Grant combo in FY2008 totaling \$950,000 for the purchase of the state-of-the art fire truck/ladder truck which is equipped with a hydraulic lift and exceeds NFPA standards.

Community Facility & Business Programs for Education

USDA, Rural Development is proud to partner with higher learning institutions and libraries to improve educational and training opportunities. These projects educate and prepare adults for an ever changing work environment, fostering job creation and economic growth.

Community Facilities (CF) Programs provide loans, grant and loan guarantees for essential community facilities in rural areas. Priority is given to health care, education and public safety projects.

Some CF Program education projects funded in FY2012 include:

- Madison County Library and Union County Public Library each received \$25,000 in CF funding to establish a Computer Center for educational enrichment, job training and economic development programs as well as to purchase library equipment.

- North Georgia Technical College received \$54,531 in CF funding. The College combined these funds with state and other federal



funds to build a new building for its welding program. This facility will allow students to simulate real-world working conditions. This will allow the college to graduate skilled welders ready to meet the demand of a wide range

of manufacturing and energy production sectors.

- The Cherokee Regional Library received a \$10,000 CF grant for the purchase of a van.



A key objective of the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program is to help fund distance learning networks, as well as employment related adult education programs. To assist with business development, RBEGs may fund a broad array of activities.

Some Business Program RBEGs awarded in FY2012 for education projects include:

- Altamaha Technical College received \$42,000 to purchase a semi-truck and trailer for the Commercial Truck Driving Program. Many local businesses benefit from the students' ability to have on the road experience prior to hiring them.

- Wiregrass Georgia Technical College received \$42,000 to purchase equipment used in training the nursing students.



- Oconee Fall Line Technical College was awarded \$42,000 in RBEG grant funds to assist in obtaining video conference system upgrades. The video conference system will enable the college to educate more students at its rural campuses, thus increasing the number of students that can enroll in the many programs that have high employment opportunities.

- Okefenokee Tech was granted a \$42,000 RBEG for the purchase of a bus to transport forestry students to their work sites.



Community Programs for Water and Environmental Projects



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Through its Utilities Programs, USDA Rural Development awards funding through loans, grants, and technical expertise, to help rural communities deliver safe, clean drinking water and environmentally sound wastewater disposal to rural residents. Planning for, developing, and maintaining a community's physical infrastructure is essential both for service to current residents and for future economic growth.

Public entities and non-profit organizations can receive funding to build, repair, and improve these various public systems, which are essential to the quality of life and economic well-being of residents in rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less.



Committed to the Infrastructure in Rural Communities

As part of USDA's Earth Day celebration in April 2012, State Director Quinton Robinson presented a ceremonial "big check" to officials of the City of White during the City's Spring Fest. The funds are for wastewater system improvements. This expansion will decrease the risk of groundwater contamination and surface water pollution, particularly for the Whispering Pines subdivision.

In July the Fannin County Water Authority received a loan grant combination \$1,862,000 Loan (3.375 percent interest rate, 40 years) \$1,453,650 Grant for water system improvements to connect to the City of Blue Ridge water system and extend water service into the My Mountain



area of Fannin County and along State Hwy 515 northeast of the City Limits of Blue Ridge. It includes construction of approximately 11.64 miles of water pipeline, valves, hydrants, booster pump station, 200,000 gallon ground storage tank,

erosion control, NPDES monitoring, and appurtenances. Approximately 224 users will be served by this project which will also provide increased distribution pressure and fire flow protection. Prior to this project, unincorporated areas of the county were served only by personal or community wells. The safety and welfare of the citizens of Fannin County will be enhanced by these water system improvements.

The Authority chose to extend water service to the My Mountain area of the County because of the concentration of residential properties and the number of complaints that have been received regarding water service in the area.

Rural Development Georgia invested more than \$40 million in rural water infrastructure in Fiscal Year 2012.

Single Family Housing

Well-built, affordable housing is essential to the vitality of rural communities. USDA Rural Development's Rural Housing Programs give households and individuals the opportunity to buy, build, or repair their homes in rural areas under 20,000 in population. Eligibility for these loans, loan guarantees, and grants is based on family income and varies according to the median income for each county. Home improvement loans and grants help very low-income families and individuals, often elderly, remove health and safety hazards from their homes or add safety features that will improve their quality of life.

Exceptional Service Brings Homeownership Opportunity

Reginald Thomas, a 44 year old paraplegic, dreamt of owning a home. Even though he was determined eligible for the Section 502 Direct Single Family Housing assistance from Rural Development, he was faced with the challenge of finding a suitable home to accommodate his disability.

After an exhaustive search of the limited housing stock in rural Twiggs County, Georgia that couldn't accommodate his needs, Reginald's sister gave him land to build on. Subsequently, he faced another challenge...locating a contractor willing to work with him. After seeing the difficult time Mr. Thomas was having, Tamika McGhee, Area Specialist with USDA Rural Development provided Mr. Thomas with the contact information for People Helping People United, Inc. Through their coordinated efforts Mr. Thomas will soon be living in his own home that is being built to accommodate his special needs.



In May 2012, construction began on Mr. Thomas's home. Dozens of Volunteers are helping make his dream come true. "Seeing families that most people have always looked down on, turned away from or wouldn't assist receive a home, is special," said Ashley Rodgers, CEO of People Helping People.

Multi Family Housing

Apartment living is often an alternative for people who cannot afford the purchase price and maintenance costs of their own individual house. Rural Rental Housing loans are made to finance building construction and site development of multi-family living quarters for people with very low, low and moderate incomes. Some units are reserved for people who are 62 and older. For families and individuals with very low incomes, Rural Development can help subsidize monthly rental payments, limiting these costs to no more than 30 percent of the adjusted monthly income of the applicant.

Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Complex Modernized

Ellijay East Apartments, a 45 unit multi-family rural rental housing complex in Ellijay, Georgia received a USDA Rural Development



transfer and assumption of the existing Section 515 debt by the new owners. The State of Georgia, Department of Community Affairs, awarded the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) in amount of \$504,631. This partnership provided the funds necessary to rehabilitate this property.

Ellijay residents are enjoying the upgraded Community Room with Fitness Center and Computer Room. Improvements include upgraded kitchen and bathrooms, new cabinets, flooring, appliances, windows, and doors. Some exterior enhancements include roofs, gutters, siding, lighting, playground, landscaping, project sign, and parking lot. The laundry room received energy-efficient washer and dryers. Added bonuses are Gazebo and covered School Bus Stop. Renovations were thought out with the residents' comfort in mind, adding an extra layer of success to this project. It created new jobs for several contractors and sub contractors.



Overview of Rural Development Programs

	Program Uses							Who Can Apply?						
	Building and/or Land*	Machinery & Equipment	Working Capital	Infrastructure	Training & Technical Assistance	Revolving Loan Fund	Individuals	Lenders	Businesses & Producers	Public Bodies	Non-profits	Cooperatives	Tribes	Institutions of Higher Education
Rural Housing Programs														
Single Family Home Loans – (502)	■						■							
Single Family Home Loan Guarantees – (502 guarantee)	■							■						
Single Family Home Repair Loans & Grants – (504)	■						■							
Single Family Mutual Self-Help Housing Grants – (523)	■	■		■	■				■	■			■	
Multi-Family Rental Housing Loans & Loan Guarantees – (515)	■							■	■	■			■	
Multi-Family Rental Housing Preservation (repair) Grants – (533)	■				■				■	■			■	
Farm Labor Housing Loans & Grants – (514 & 516)	■								■	■	■		■	
Rural Business, Energy & Cooperative Programs														
Business & Industry Loan Guarantees	■	■	■	■				■						
Intermediary Relending Program Loans						■			■	■	■	■	■	
Rural Business Enterprise Grants	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■			■	■
Rural Business Opportunity Grants					■				■	■			■	■
Rural Economic Development Loans & Grants	■	■	■	■	■							■		
Rural Cooperative Development Initiative Grants					■					■	■			
Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants			■		■				■			■	■	
Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grants					■				■					
Renewable Energy Production Loans & Loan Guarantees (REAP)	■	■	■	■				■	■				■	
Renewable Energy Production Grants (REAP)		■		■					■				■	
Energy Efficiency Loans & Loan Guarantees (REAP)	■	■	■	■				■	■				■	
Energy Efficiency Grants (REAP)		■		■					■				■	
Biomass research and Development Initiative Program Grants					■									■
Rural Utilities & Community Facilities Programs														
Water and Waste Disposal Loans & Grants	■	■		■					■	■			■	
Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees	■	■		■				■						
Solid Waste Management Grants					■				■	■				
Rural Broadband Loan & Loan Guarantees	■	■		■				■	■					
Distance Learning & Telemedicine Loans & Grants		■		■					■	■	■	■	■	■
Telecommunications Loans & Loan Guarantees	■	■		■				■	■					
Electric Loans & Loan Guarantees	■	■		■				■	■					
Technical Assistance & Training Program Grants					■					■				
Rural Community Development Initiative Grants (RCDI)					■				■	■	■	■	■	
Community Facilities Loans & Grants	■	■		■					■	■	■	■	■	
Community Facilities Loan Guarantees	■	■		■				■						

Collaboration

Another key to rural prosperity is for rural communities to come together on a regional basis to develop a strategic plan for building a stronger economy. USDA is helping to build a more prosperous rural America by providing financial support and technical assistance to boost locally led regional economic development efforts across the Nation.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has stressed the importance of a regional approach to creating economic opportunity and job creation in rural communities. “By creating a regional focus and increasing collaboration with other Federal agencies, USDA resources will have a larger impact, enabling greater wealth creation, quality of life improvements, and sustainability,” says Secretary Vilsack.

USDA is supporting rural communities that are working together on a multi-county/regional basis, with a focus on the development and implementation of ground-level regional economic development plans. This effort involves two or more USDA agencies and/or programs working with partner institutions outside USDA.



SUCCESS STORIES

Stronger Economies Together

USDA Rural Development, in conjunction with Fort Valley State University Cooperative Extension, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Regional Commissions, and other state and local partners, has selected two rural multi-county regions in Georgia to be included in a program called “Stronger Economies Together” (SET). The two selected regional teams are Southwest Georgia SET Team, encompassing the counties of Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Crisp, Decatur, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Macon, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Tift and Worth; and East Central Georgia Initiative (ECG), encompassing the counties of Montgomery, Treutlen, Toombs, Johnson and Emanuel.

SET is a program designed to help regional teams develop new approaches to strengthen and enhance regional economic development activities. The SET program is an opportunity for current or newly formed multi-county teams to receive the latest tools, training, and technical assistance to help their region move forward and take advantage of positive growth and quality of life opportunities.



The Capital Resources Conference

At an innovative daylong meeting, in March 2012., rural entrepreneurs and community officials were educated on how to maximize available resources to create and save jobs. Small businesses and communities in rural Georgia were matched with funding resources on the spot! The conference began with an educational plenary session including a panel of resource experts. Participants then met with resources partners during the afternoon breakout sessions.

This conference was a collaborative effort of U.S. Department of Agriculture, University of Georgia Small Business Development Center and Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an active portfolio of more than \$172 billion in loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

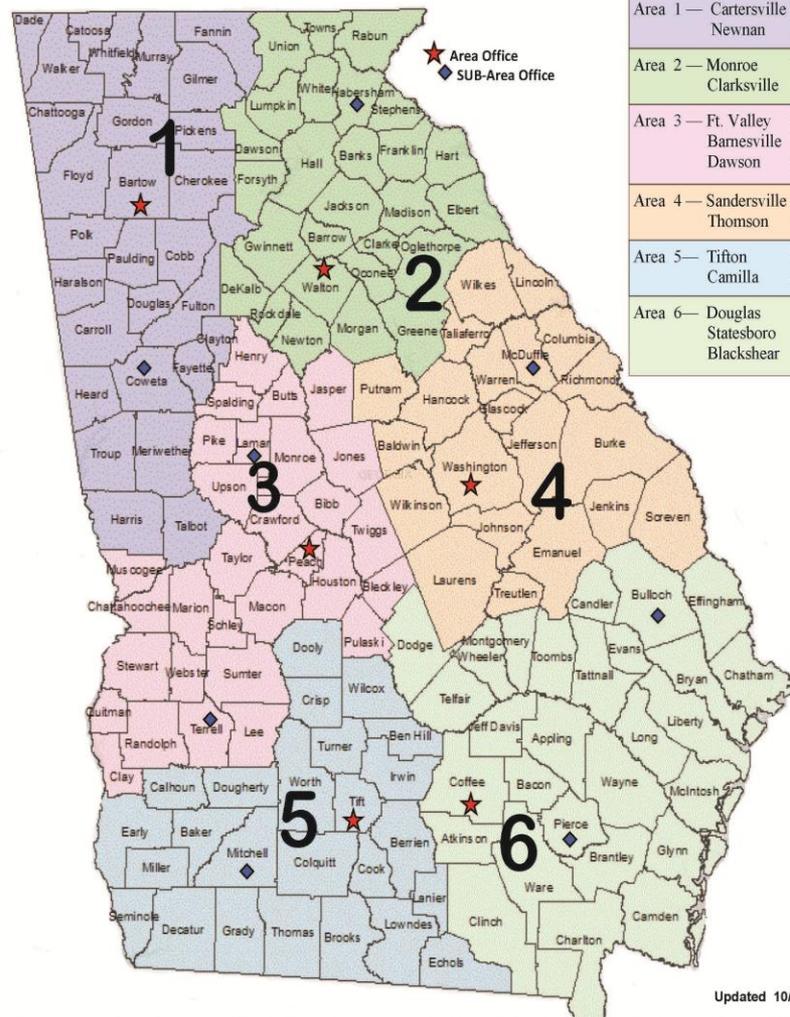
Rural Development Program	Fiscal Year 2012 Georgia Obligations	COUNT
Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans	\$41,914,610	9
Renewable Energy Loans and Grants	\$2,517,430	48
Rural Business Enterprise Grants	\$767,000	17
Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants	\$740,000	1
Value-Added Producer Grants	\$2,159,231	10
Community Facility Direct Loans	\$11,893,163	19
Community Facility Grants	\$739,600	22
Water and Waste Direct Loans	\$26,860,980	12
Water and Waste Grants	\$13,759,325	9
Single Family Housing Direct Loans	\$14,448,364	138
Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loans	\$446,004,447	4,061
Home Repair Loans and Grants	\$1,855,960	278
Multi-Family Housing Direct Loans	\$3,190,204	4
Rental Assistance	\$23,894,520	280
<i>Telecommunications Loans and Grants*</i>	\$167,721	1
<i>Electric Loans*</i>	\$250,076,000	7

*Telecommunications and Electric Programs are administered through the National Office in Washington, D.C.



GEORGIA Area Office MAP

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