



USDA INVESTS IN GUAM

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past seven years, USDA has invested **nearly \$1.2 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2015) in Guam to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for families in Guam.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-15



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$71 million** to support affordable housing, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in Guam.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural viability. In Guam, USDA has invested more than **\$152 million** in infrastructure development.



FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of farmers and ranchers in Guam by investing more than **\$3.9 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$19.8 million** in Guam to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems

ABOUT GUAM

USDA works each day to strengthen agriculture in Guam. Top agricultural products include eggplant, bananas, hot peppers, cucumbers, hogs and pigs, and cattle.

Agriculture in Guam contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 11 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.

