



USDA INVESTS IN AMERICAN SAMOA



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 more than **\$125 million** (fiscal year 2009-2015) in American Samoa 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 American Samoa.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-15



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$1.36 million** to support affordable housing, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in American Samoa.



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

American Samoa by investing more than **\$1.4 million** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



CONSERVATION

Proper conservation and land management helps keep land productive while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$54 million** in efforts to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of forests and grasslands in American Samoa.



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 \$15 million** in American Samoa to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

ABOUT AMERICAN SAMOA

USDA works each day to strengthen agriculture in American Samoa Islands. Top agricultural products include tara, bananas, hogs and pigs, chickens, and fish (farm raised and ocean caught).

Agriculture in American Samoa 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

