



USDA INVESTS IN NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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 **\$151 million** (fiscal year 2009-2015) in Northern Mariana Islands 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 Northern Mariana Islands.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-15



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested more than **\$9.9 million** to support affordable housing, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in Northern Mariana Islands



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 Northern

Mariana Islands by investing **\$698,000** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



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 Northern Mariana Islands, USDA has invested **\$681,000** in infrastructure development.



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 **\$14.1 million** in Northern Mariana Islands to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

ABOUT GUAM NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS



USDA works each day to strengthen agriculture in Northern Mariana Islands. Top agricultural products include sweet potatoes, taro, bananas, papayas, coconuts, cattle, hogs, and fish.

Agriculture in Northern Mariana Islands 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.

