Committed to the future of rural communities.
USDA Rural Development

- Housing Programs
- Water and Wastewater Programs
- Community Facilities Programs
- Business Programs
Two Main Goals:

1. Improve the quality of life of all rural Americans.

2. Increase economic opportunity in rural America.
Total Fiscal Year 2006: DELAWARE RURAL INVESTMENT

$53.9 million
What is rural?

Rural Housing Programs

10,000 residents or less

All of Sussex County

Most of Kent County

Some of New Castle County
Rural Housing Programs
Single Family Programs

Direct Housing Loans

Currently 6.25% interest rate. Reduces to 6% on Nov. 1st.

Could be as low as 1% based on eligibility.

100% financing.

NO DOWN PAYMENT REQUIRED!!!

Example: Sussex County
Mortgage Limit: $191,100
Income Limit: Family of 4, 80% of MHI or $44,100.
Single Family Programs
Guaranteed Housing Loans

Loan from a bank with the Government’s support. No down payment is needed.

Example: Kent County
There is no mortgage limit. Households cannot exceed the National MHI. Income Limit: Family of 4, $70,450.
Total Fiscal Year 2006: RURAL DEVELOPMENT HELPED 126 Families Purchase Homes
Home Repair Program

Purpose: To remove health and safety hazards from homes.

Assisting:
Very Low Income
and
Senior Citizens

Loans at 1% interest rate can be made for up to $20,000.

Grants of up to $7,500 can be made to persons 62 years or older.
Single Family Programs

Self-Help Housing Loan Program

5-10 families build their own homes together under the supervision of a professional construction foreman.

Eligibility is the same as the Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program.
Multi-Family Programs

Direct and guaranteed loans to construct multi-family housing in rural areas.

Benefiting:
Senior Citizens
Persons with Disabilities
Low-Income Families
Farm Worker Housing

Rural Rental Assistance available to help with rent and utilities.
Rural Utility Programs
Water and Environmental Programs

Direct and guaranteed loans and grants to install, expand, and improve water and wastewater systems, solid waste disposal, and storm sewers. This program helps provide clean safe drinking water to rural residents and protection for the environment. Program serves rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less.

Fiscal Year 2006, over $10.7 million invested in rural Delaware.
Other Utility Programs

• **Predevelopment Planning Grant** – can help rural communities pay for the costs associated with the preliminary engineering report or the environmental report for water and waste disposal projects.

• **Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants** – Town of Selbyville received a grant to help pay the costs of emergency repairs.
Electric Program

Makes insured loans and guarantees loans to nonprofit and cooperative associations, public bodies, and other utilities in rural areas.

Telecommunications Program

Creates public-private partnerships to finance construction of telecommunications infrastructure in rural America.
Faith Based Initiative

President George W. Bush’s initiative that allows opportunities for faith-based organizations to apply for and compete on equal footing with other eligible organizations to receive financial assistance.

“Faith-based and other community organizations are indispensable in meeting the needs of poor Americans and distressed neighborhoods. Government cannot be replaced by such organizations, but it can and should welcome them as partners.” Excerpt from President George W. Bush

Community Facilities Programs

Direct and guaranteed loans, and grants, to public entities and nonprofit organizations in rural areas and towns with a population up to 20,000.

Health Care – hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, etc.

Public Safety – police & fire stations, vehicles, jails, etc.

Public Services – adult & child care, airports, schools, libraries, etc.
Rural Business and Cooperative Programs
Business and Industry Program

Business Loan Guarantees to support:

Jobs

and

Economic Development

Important criteria: Business is improving the economic climate in the rural community and is creating or preserving jobs.

Eligible rural areas are those with a population Of 50,000 or less.
DELAWARE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY EXAMPLES
Rural Business Enterprise Grants

Provides grants to public bodies and private, nonprofit organizations serving rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less.

Enterprise grants provide dollars for communities or organizations to establish revolving loan funds, conduct feasibility studies or establish business incubators.
DELAWARE RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT EXAMPLES
Rural Business Opportunity Grants

Provides grants to public bodies and private, nonprofit organizations serving rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less.

Opportunity grants are available on a national competitive basis and can provide funding for technical assistance for business development and conducting economic development planning.
Other Business Programs

• Value Added Producer Grant Program – supports new and innovative agricultural activities.

• Cooperative Agreement with Delaware State University (DSU). Rural Development provides grant funds to support the entrepreneurial program at DSU.

• Renewable Energy Grant Program – Delaware received its first ever grant in the amount of $500,000 to help with the construction of a soydiesel manufacturing facility.

**TO BE ANNOUNCED – DELAWARE AGRITOURISM ASSOCIATION $22,000.**
Thank you

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