Rural Development

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WHAT IS USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT?

Vision:
A rural America that is healthy, safe, and prosperous place in which to live and work.

Mission:
To increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all rural Americans.
78 Years of Service to Rural America.

Much has changed since 1935: the Great Depression and Dustbowl are a distant memory; the rural electrification effort serves as a benchmark of excellence. In 78 years, the quality of life in rural America has dramatically improved in large part to the mission of USDA Rural Development and its predecessor agencies.
Delaware Total Fiscal Year 2012 Investment:

$182 million
Smyrna Water Extension Project
DOVER
Gambler’s Choice
CAMDEN
Harmony Hill
KITTS HUMMOCK
Sewer Funding
FELTON Rental Housing
HARRINGTON Police Car
MILFORD Kiosk
KNOW YOUR FARMER
KNOW YOUR FOOD

EVERY FAMILY NEEDS A FARMER.
DO YOU KNOW YOURS?
Community Facilities Program

• Farmers Markets
• Community kitchens and food processing centers
• Facilities and equipment used by not-for-profit food distribution networks
• Cooking schools
• Community food banks
The Food Bank of Delaware
Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan Program

• Business conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization, or development.
• Purchase and development of land, easements, rights-of-way, buildings, or facilities.
• Purchase of equipment, leasehold improvements, machinery, supplies, or inventory.
• Working capital and debt refinancing.
Value-Added Producer Grant Program
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Thank You!

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