

KS Farm Loan Delinquencies Low, Demand Heavy

**WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - The latest farm loan delinquency numbers show Kansas farmers are faring better than many had feared as spring planting gets underway.**

**The U.S. Agriculture Department's Farm Service Agency says its direct loan delinquencies in Kansas fell slightly to 6 percent as of March 31. That compares to 6 and a half percent at the same time a year ago.**

**Farm Loan Chief Robert White says the agency is pleased and surprised. He credits good crop yields the past couple of years for lessening the impact of low crop prices.**

**But he notes that the loan delinquency rate for March 2012 was under 4 percent.**

**The agency also guarantees some loans made by commercial banks and those are faring worse compared to last year at this time.**

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