

Pricing Supplement No 291 - Dated Monday, May 13, 2013 (To: Prospectus Dated November 14, 2011 and Prospectus Supplement Dated November 17, 2011)

CUSIP Number	Principal Amount	Selling Price	Gross Concession	Net Proceeds	Coupon Type	Coupon Rate	Coupon Frequency	Maturity Date	1st Coupon Date	1st Coupon Amount	Survivor's Option	Product Ranking
63743FRG3	[]	100.000%	1.550%	[]	Fixed	2.000%	Monthly	11/15/2020	06/15/2013	\$1.22	Yes	Senior Unsecured Notes
Redemption Information: Non-Callable												
63743FRH1	[]	100.000%	2.150%	[]	Fixed	3.000%	Monthly	05/15/2026	06/15/2013	\$1.83	Yes	Senior Unsecured Notes
Redemption Information: Non-Callable												

National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp

Offering Date: Monday, May 13, 2013 through Monday, May 20, 2013
 Trade Date: Monday, May 20, 2013 @ 12:00 PM ET
 Settle Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013
 Minimum Denomination/Increments: \$1,000.00/\$1,000.00
 Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book Entry only
 DTC Number 0235 via RBC Dain Rauscher Inc.

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[Prospectus dated 14-Nov-11 and Prospectus Supplement Dated: 17-Nov-11](#)

Agents: Banc of America Securities LLC, Incapital, LLC, Citigroup, Comerica Securities, J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc., Morgan Stanley, UBS Investment Bank, Wells Fargo

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