



## **NATIONAL AGRICULTURE IMAGERY PROGRAM (NAIP) PARTNERSHIPS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) JUNE 2008**

In 2008, The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has revised NAIP acquisition parameters to a three (3) year cycle, focusing on FSA's required agriculture areas as determined by common land unit (CLU) boundaries. 2 meter NAIP deliverables have been discontinued. NAIP remains a national cooperative program by continuing to provide a vehicle for acquiring full state coverage through cost share partnerships. Additional information about NAIP can be found at the FSA Aerial Photography Field Office (APFO) web site, [www.apfo.usda.gov](http://www.apfo.usda.gov).

### **What type of partnerships can FSA facilitate?**

FSA will fund the acquisition of agricultural areas within states on a 3 year cycle and is actively seeking cost share partnerships to complete full state coverage within the established cycle.

FSA will also accept partnerships for coverage in states that are "out of cycle". All costs for this type of acquisition will be at the expense of the requesting party with the original imagery maintained by FSA in the public domain. "Out of cycle" coverage and deliverables must meet NAIP contract specifications.

### **What are the benefits of participating in a partnership with FSA for acquiring NAIP?**

1. Cost share partnerships help ensure full state coverage.
2. Partners receive all NAIP deliverables as they become available through the inspection process.
3. Cost share partners can "buy up" to a 4 band acquisition and deliverables through the NAIP contract.
4. Cost share partners may establish secondary contracts with NAIP contractors for derivative products.

### **What does it cost for states to become a partner in NAIP?**

A minimum cost share applies for partners. The minimum cost share is the equivalent of 10% of FSA costs in a state, or \$21,500, whichever is higher. Depending on the amount of agricultural land in a state, this amount does not necessarily guarantee full state coverage. Cost share estimates for each state can be found on the Support Documents page on the APFO website or by clicking [here](#).

### **What is the cost share amount contributed by other federal agencies?**

There are active efforts at the national level to coordinate cost share funding by federal agencies. The goal is for federal partners to fund acquisition of non-agricultural land not covered by state cost share minimums, for all states in a project year.

### **What if there is not enough funding from federal partners to complete my state?**

If the minimum cost share is met, a state partner can fund acquisition of additional areas of interest within a state. A partner may also choose to fund the amount needed to complete full state coverage.

**When should a partnership agreement be established?**

A Partnership Agreement should be established no later than December 31 of the year prior to imagery acquisition.

**Is there a schedule for acquisition?**

Yes. [A map showing the 3-year acquisition cycle](#) can be found on the Support Documents page on the APFO website.

**What are the technical specifications of the deliverables?**

Product specifications may be found in the current contract and task order (contract USDA-NAIP-3-07 and task order NAIP-TO-3-08) which may be found on the [Contract Services page](#) on the APFO web site.

**What are the deliverables under a NAIP partnership?**

Cost share partners receive all contract deliverables including compressed county mosaics and full resolution quarter quad tiles as they become available through the QA process.

**Can “other” products be purchased directly through the NAIP contract?**

Yes, “4-band imagery” would be a buy-up option purchased directly through the NAIP contract. The costs for this option would be additional to the minimum cost share requirement. Cost share partners can also pursue NAIP derivative products.

**What is a derivative product?**

FSA considers any product derived from a NAIP acquisition project, but not specified in the NAIP contract and task order, as a derivative product. NAIP derivative products include sub-meter ortho imagery, and products cast in an alternative projection.

**How can I acquire derivative products and at what cost?**

Derivative products must be acquired through a secondary contract between a cost share partner and a NAIP contractor. Secondary contracts for NAIP derivative products must not negatively impact the acquisition and delivery of NAIP contract deliverables.

**Who do I contact if I’m interested in cost sharing in NAIP?**

The first point of contact would be your state’s FSA GIS Coordinator.

APFO's point of contacts are:

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**Is there standard paperwork for a partnership agreement?**

FSA has available draft Agreement documents at the [county level](#) or [state level](#) which may be used as a template by county and state Government offices, or FSA will review other required forms submitted by your agency.

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