

For: State Offices

FLP Goal Evaluation Methodology

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1 Overview

A Background

FLP goals:

- are an important component of overall program management
- set priorities and provide direction for program implementation
- directly contribute to the accomplishment of broader strategic goals contained in the FSA and USDA strategic plans.

Establishing measurable long-term and annual goals, monitoring performance on an ongoing basis, and reporting results achieved, provides FLP a level of credibility that does not exist in many Federal programs. In this era of limited budgetary resources, the ability to demonstrate program performance will likely carry greater weight in funding decisions.

It is also recognized that the budget constraints that limit staffing and administrative funding, negatively affect the ability to meet FLP goals. In response, the goal evaluation methodology developed and implemented in FY 2012 is being continued.

B Purpose

This notice provides the methodology that will be used to evaluate FLP performance.

Note: This notice does not change the FY 2012 through 2016 FLP goals that were distributed by DAFLP memorandum on December 22, 2011.

C Contact

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2 Evaluation Methodology

A Overview

The goal evaluation methodology consists of 2 components as follows:

- a point value is assigned for accomplishing each goal (subparagraph B)
- additional points may be earned based on 2 indicators (subparagraph C).

If an aggregate score of 80 or greater is achieved, goals are considered met.

B Point Values for Goals

A point value is assigned for accomplishment of each of the eight FLP goals. Special emphasis is being placed on the goals, “lending to SDA farmers” and “primary loan servicing processing time”. Accomplishment of those goals is worth 20 points each; all other goals are worth 10 points each.

Goal	Point Value
Direct loan delinquency rate.	10
Direct loan processing time.	10
First year delinquency rate.	10
Guaranteed loan delinquency rate.	10
Guaranteed loan processing time.	10
Lending to beginning farmers.	10
Lending to SDA farmers.	20
Primary loan servicing processing time.	20
Total	100

C Additional Points for Workload

An additional 10 points will be added to a State’s total if either of the following is met:

- the number of borrowers in the portfolio per County Office GS-1165 employee exceeds the national average by 20 percent (baseline: 20 percent above FY 2009-11 National Average = 101 borrowers)
- loan obligations (\$) per County Office GS-1165 employee in a given year exceed the national average by 20 percent (baseline: 20 percent above FY 2009-11 National Average = \$4,658,203).

Example: A State meets 5 of 8 goals for a total of 70 points. However, because the State has 115 borrowers per County Office GS-1165 employee, exceeding the baseline for that indicator, the State receives an additional 10 points; the goals are now considered met.

Note: The employee numbers that will be used in calculations are provided by DAFO.

2 Evaluation Methodology (Continued)

D State Office Action

State Offices should develop area-specific goals when possible and apply the methodology described in subparagraphs B and C for evaluating performance.

Examples: If a particular area within a State has a better opportunity to make loans to SDA and/or beginning farmers, the area's target should be higher for those goals.

Similarly, another area's direct loan processing time goal may be adjusted based on accomplishments on this goal.