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FmHA AN No. 3006 (1941-A)

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SUBJECT: Applicable Education and/or on the Job Training or Farming  
Experience (1 Year's Complete Production and Marketing Cycle  
Within the Last 5 Years)

TO: State Directors, District Directors and County  
Supervisors

ATTN: Farmer Programs Chiefs

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

The purpose of this Administrative Notice (AN) is to provide further guidance to field offices by interpretation of the subject eligibility requirement. The intended outcome is to ensure greater uniformity of interpretation between States and County Offices in approving/rejecting operating (OL) loans.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

No previous AN has been issued on this subject for the regular OL loan program.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

Several instances have surfaced where seemingly eligible applicants for regular OL loans have been considered ineligible for assistance because they did not have applicable education and/or on the job training or farming experience in managing and operating a farm (1 year's complete production and marketing cycle within the last 5 years). Many of these applicants have worked for several years with their father in carrying out the farming operation, while not actually managing or operating the farm in their own right.

There are 3 circumstances referenced in §1941.12 (a)(3) whereby the applicant would meet this eligibility requirement:

EXPIRATION DATE: April 30, 1995

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Applicable Education

The applicant successfully completed Vocational/General Agriculture in high school or obtained a BS college degree in Agriculture Business, Horticulture, Agronomy, or Livestock Science.

The applicant grew up on a farm and was a 4-H Member with a project in the applicable enterprise and is currently living or working on a farm.

The applicant was raised on a farm, or is currently working on a farm, and has completed related enterprise or farm management courses offered by the Federal/State Extension Service or College.

On the Job Training

The applicant grew up on a farm and has been working with his/her parent(s) for the past 3-10 years in carrying on the farming operation, immediately prior to the date of application.

The applicant was not raised on a farm but has been working on a farm for the past 3-10 years immediately prior to the date of application.

Farming Experience in Managing and Operating a Farm (1 year's complete production and marketing cycle within the last 5 years).

The applicant has a written or verbal lease and is the actual manager/operator of the farm. The applicant has carried out 1 year's complete production and marketing cycle. If a cash crop, the applicant has planted, harvested and marketed the crop. If a dairy operation, the applicant has operated the facility, produced and marketed milk over a 12-month period. If a broiler operation, the applicant has raised and marketed a normal number of batches over a 12-month period. If a vegetable operation (truck farm), the applicant has produced and marketed vegetables over a 12-month period.

above examples are not all inclusive. The County Committee is responsible for determining applicant eligibility based on the information available, personal knowledge of the applicant and the proposed operation.

State Office personnel with questions regarding this AN should contact the Farmer Programs Loan Making Division at (202) 720-1632.



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