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Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

**General Program Administration
1-FLP (Revision 1)**

Amendment 31

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs



Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Subparagraphs 4 C, D, and E have been amended to update FLP contacts.

Subparagraphs 29 A and D have been amended to update the maximum loan authorities for guaranteed loans.

Subparagraph 48 H has been amended to clarify credit report fees and credit report requirements for husbands and wives who are entity members.

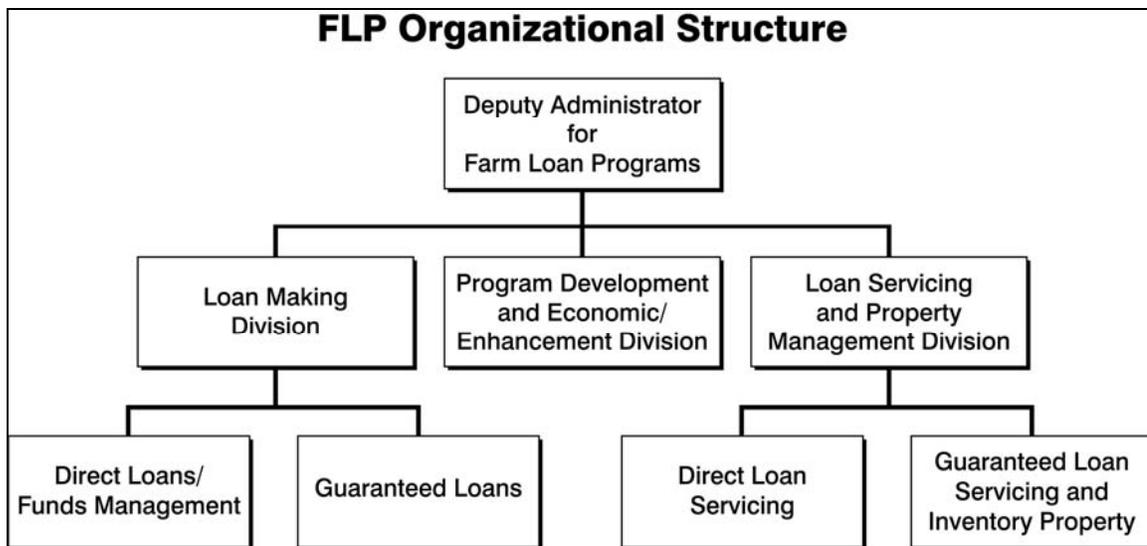
Exhibit 17 has been amended to provide the monthly interest rates applicable to FLP.

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4 FLP Organizational Structure

A National Office FLP Organizational Structure

The following is the National Office FLP organizational structure.



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Note: County Offices shall address questions to the State Office. State Offices shall contact the National Office as needed.

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William Cobb	Special Programs Coordinator	202-720-1059

4 FLP Organizational Structure (Continued)

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Mike Moore	Senior Loan Officer	202-690-0651
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Gail Wargo	Senior Loan Officer	202-690-4003

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Mary Durkin	Senior Loan Officer	202-720-1658
Sharilyn Hashimoto	Senior Loan Officer	202-720-2743
Bruce Mair	Branch Chief	202-720-1645
Jonathan (Lee) Nault	Loan Officer	202-720-6834
L.D. Pletcher	Senior Loan Officer	202-720-1654
Gary Wheeler	Senior Loan Officer	202-690-4021
Tamara Wilson	Loan Officer	202-690-4012

29 Maximum Loan Authorities

A OL, FO, and EM Program Loan Limitations

Limitations on maximum loan amounts for OL, FO, and EM are established in CONACT. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 105-277), amended the limitations applicable to guaranteed OL and FO by providing for an annual adjustment based on the rate of inflation applicable to FY.

[7 CFR 761.8 (a)] The outstanding principal balances for a farm loan applicant or anyone who will sign the promissory note cannot exceed any of the following at the time of loan closing or assumption of indebtedness. If the outstanding principal balance exceeds any of the limits at the time of approval, the farm operating plan must reflect that funds will be available to reduce the indebtedness prior to loan closing or assumption of indebtedness.

(1) Farm Ownership loans, * * * Down payment loans and Soil and Water loans:

(i) Direct--\$300,000;

(ii) Guaranteed--\$700,000 (for fiscal year 2000 and increased at the beginning of each fiscal year in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section);

--Note: FY 2010 loan limit is \$1,112,000.--

(iii) Any combination of a direct Soil and Water loan, direct Farm Ownership loan, guaranteed Soil and Water loan, and guaranteed Farm Ownership loan--\$700,000 (for fiscal year 2000 and increased each fiscal year in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section); (subparagraph B);

--Note: FY 2010 loan limit is \$1,112,000.--

(2) Operating loans:

(i) Direct--\$300,000;

(ii) Guaranteed--\$700,000 (for fiscal year 2000 and increased each fiscal year in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section);

--Note: FY 2010 loan limit is \$1,112,000.--

29 Maximum Loan Authorities (Continued)**A OL, FO, and EM Program Loan Limitations (Continued)**

(iii) Any combination of a direct Operating loan and guaranteed Operating loan--\$700,000 (for fiscal year 2000 and increased each fiscal year in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section);

***--Note:** FY 2010 loan limit is \$1,112,000.--*

(3) Any combination of guaranteed Farm Ownership loan, guaranteed Soil and Water loan, and guaranteed Operating loan--\$700,000 (for fiscal year 2000 and increased each fiscal year in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section);

***--Note:** FY 2010 loan limit is \$1,112,000.--*

(4) Any combination of direct Farm Ownership loan, direct Soil and Water loan, direct Operating loan, guaranteed Farm Ownership loan, guaranteed Soil and Water loan, and guaranteed Operating loan--the amount in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) (subparagraph A) of this section plus \$300,000;

***--Note:** FY 2010 loan limit is \$1,112,000.--*

(5) Emergency loans--\$500,000;

(6) Any combination of direct Farm Ownership loan, direct Soil and Water loan, direct Operating loan, guaranteed Farm Ownership loan, guaranteed Soil and Water loan, guaranteed Operating loan, and Emergency loan--the amount in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) (subparagraph A) of this section plus \$800,000.

***--Note:** FY 2010 loan limit is \$1,112,000.--*

B Adjustment for Guaranteed Loans

[7 CFR 761.8 (b)] The dollar limits of guaranteed loans will be increased each fiscal year based on the percentage change in the Prices Paid by Farmers Index as compiled by the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The maximum loan limits for the current fiscal year are available in any FSA office and on the FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

29 Maximum Loan Authorities (Continued)

C Line of Credit Advances

[7 CFR 761.8 (c)] The total dollar amount of guaranteed line of credit advances and income releases cannot exceed the total estimated expenses, less interest expense, as indicated on the borrower's cash flow budget, unless the cash flow budget is revised and continues to reflect a feasible plan.

A Standard Eligible Lender must obtain Agency approval before issuing future year's funds according to 2-FLP, subparagraph 265 C. Approval may be provided by any Agency official with loan approval authority, and is not subject to the maximum loan limits established in subparagraph D.

Note: PLP and CLP lenders may provide future years' funds without prior FSA approval.

29 Maximum Loan Authorities (Continued)

D Official Loan Approval Limitations for OL, FO, and EM

The following identifies the maximum loan approval authority for OL, FO, and EM by grade and title of loan approval officials at the time of loan closing. All loan approval limitations include the loan being made plus any outstanding principal balances owed by anyone who will sign the promissory note. For LOC's, the maximum amount of the LOC ceiling will be considered the outstanding principal balance. A loan approval official cannot approve or reject a loan request that will exceed the official's approval authority at the time of loan closing. The official must forward the loan and recommendations to the appropriate loan approval official for action.

CO County Office employees who have loan approval authority may not exceed the authority of the equivalent grade FLO or FLM.

Type of Loan	FLO			FLM, DD, FLS or FLC	SED
	GS-7	GS-9	GS-11	GS-11/12/13	
Maximum Approval by Assistance Type - Limitation I					
Guaranteed OL	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$600,000	*--\$1,112,000--*
Direct OL	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$175,000	\$225,000	\$300,000
Guaranteed FO + SW	\$0	\$175,000	\$400,000	\$600,000	*--\$1,112,000--*
Direct FO + SW	\$0	\$125,000	\$150,000	\$225,000	\$300,000
Direct EM	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$500,000
Maximum Approval for Combined Assistance Types - Limitation II					
OL Total Direct & Guaranteed	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$600,000	*--\$1,112,000--*
FO + SW Total Direct and Guaranteed	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$600,000	*--\$1,112,000--*
Total Approval for Multiple Assistance Types - Limitation III					
OL + FO + SW Total Direct and Guaranteed	\$100,000	\$400,000	\$550,000	\$750,000	*--\$1,412,000--*
Total Guaranteed	\$100,000	\$400,000	\$550,000	\$750,000	*--\$1,112,000--*
Total Approval for FO, OL, and EM - Limitation IV					
OL + FO + SW + EM Total Direct and Guaranteed	\$100,000	\$400,000	\$550,000	\$750,000	*--\$1,912,000--*

Note: Loans to employees in a County Office must be approved by the State Office. Loans to State Office employees must be approved by the National Office.

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E Ordering Mortgage Credit Report

--Authorized agency officials who have access to FBP will access Equifax, Experian, and-- Trans Union data through the FBP “General” menu screen.

See Exhibit 15 for ordering credit reports through FBP.

F Ordering Credit Reports for Nonapplicants

There may be instances when FSA must order a joint credit report in which the spouse is required to sign the promissory note for repayment purposes, but the spouse may not have to sign the application as a co-applicant. The credit report will be ordered in the same manner that all other joint credit reports are ordered. The County Office must however, have the nonapplicant spouse sign FSA-2007 before the credit report is ordered.

G When Mortgage and Commercial Credit Reports Are Not Acceptable

*--If a County Office has problems with a credit report or credit reporting agency (e.g. data on the report is incomplete or the contractor is not complying with contract terms), then the County Office will contact the State Office for assistance.

Note: Agency officials will not intervene on behalf of the applicant/borrower in matters about disputed information, balances, or credit scores or ratings. These disputes will be handled according to subparagraph H.

If the issue is significant and the State Office needs assistance in resolving, the State Office shall contact DAFLP at the following.--*

FSA DAFLP PDEED
STOP 0521
1280 MARYLAND AVE SW
SUITE 270
WASHINGTON DC 20024

Telephone: 202-720-3647

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H When the Applicant Disputes Information on the Credit Report

If the applicant/borrower disagrees with or disputes information reflected on the credit report, refer the applicant/borrower to the company or companies issuing the credit report at the following phone numbers:

- Trans Union at 312-258-1717 to obtain a copy of their credit report or 800-916-8800 for customer service
- Experian at 888-397-3742 to obtain a copy of their credit report or 800-831-5614, extension 3 for customer service
- Equifax at 800-685-1111 to obtain a copy of their credit report or 800-685-5000, extension 2 for customer service.

Note: Agency officials will not intervene on behalf of the applicant/borrower in matters concerning disputed information, balances, credit scores, or ratings.

I Credit Report Fees - Cost to the Applicant

Applicants will be charged for reports according to the following.

Applicant	Cost
Individual	\$13.50
Joint	\$20.25
Entity	\$75.00

***--Notes:** A husband and wife, who are members of an entity, **will** be charged a joint credit report fee. Individual credit reports will then be obtained for each.--*

No fee will be collected for servicing only applications according to 4-FLP, subparagraph 116 A or 5-FLP, subparagraph 81 C.

J Recording Fees

The appropriate fee for credit reports collected will be recorded on FSA-2001 and FSA-2301.

K Processing Credit Report Fees

See 3-FI to process credit report fees.

L Payment of Invoices for Credit Reports

The National Office will:

- receive monthly invoices showing State usage
- submit payment to the vendor for credit reports generated through FBP.

FLP Rates

A Interest Rates for FLP's

The following table provides interest rates for FLP's as of October 1, 2009.

Loan Type	Current Rate (%)	Date Set
Rural Housing – Farm Loan Purposes	5.00	9/1/09
Operating	*--3.125	10/1/09--*
Operating – Limited Resource	5.00	12/1/90
Farm Ownership	*--5.00	10/1/09--*
Farm Ownership – Limited Resource	5.00	4/1/86
Farm Ownership – Down Payment	1.50	5/22/08
Farm Ownership – Joint Financing	5.00	3/24/97
Soil and Water	*--5.00	10/1/09--*
Soil and Water – Limited Resource	5.00	7/1/92
Recreation – Individual	*--5.00	10/1/09
Farmer Program – Homestead Protection	5.00	10/1/09
Shared Appreciation Amortization	4.00	10/1/09
Softwood Timber Loans	5.00	10/1/09
Economic Emergency – Operating	3.125	10/1/09
Economic Emergency – Real Estate	5.00	10/1/09--*
Emergency – Amount of Actual Loss	3.750	1/25/94
Emergency – Major Adjustment: Subtitle A Purpose (Excess of Loss)	7.50	9/1/09
Emergency – Major Adjustment: Subtitle B Purpose (Excess of Loss)	4.75	9/1/09
Emergency – Annual Production	4.75	9/1/09
Nonprogram - Chattel Property	4.75	9/1/09
Nonprogram - Real Property	7.50	9/1/09
Apple Loans	1.625	9/1/09
Association – Grazing	*--5.00	10/1/09
Association – Irrigation and Drainage	5.00	10/1/09--*
Indian Land Acquisition	5.00	2/1/91

Publication 622, which provides amortization tables and financial basic payment tables, is available from MSD Warehouse. To request Publication 622, complete FSA-159, available at <http://165.221.16.90/dam/ffasforms/forms.html>, and submit it by 1 of the following methods.

- FAX to 816 363-1762
- e-mail to ra.mokansasc2.kcasbwhse
- mail to:

USDA/FSA/Kansas City Warehouse
9240 Troost Ave
Kansas City MO 64131.

FLP Rates (Continued)

B Treasury Rates

The following table provides the applicable Treasury rates.

Treasury Rates	Current Rate (%)	Date Set
90-Day Treasury Bill	*--0.125	10/1/09
Treasury Judgment Rate (see Note)	0.400	10/1/09--*

Notes: The 90-Day Treasury Bill rate is entered in DALR\$ as the “Discount Rate” and is used to calculate present value and net recovery value.

The treasury judgment rate is the interest rate applicable to deficiency judgments for all loan types (pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1961). The rate is based on the weekly average 1-year CMT yield published by the Federal Reserve System, Board of Governors. The rate shown is the most current rate posted to the Federal Reserve web site and is dated the *--week ending September 11, 2009. The actual judgment rate is the rate for the calendar week--* preceding the date the defendant becomes liable for interest. Access the Federal Reserve web site www.federalreserve.gov/releases/H15/current for the weekly average 1-year CMT yield.

C Historical 90-Day Treasury Bill Rates

The following table provides the historical 90-day Treasury bill rates.

Effective Date	Rate (%)	Effective Date	Rate (%)
December 1, 1988	7.500	December 1, 1990	7.500
January 1, 1989	7.875	January 1, 1991	7.375
February 1, 1989	8.250	February 1, 1991	7.125
March 1, 1989	8.500	March 1, 1991	6.500
April 1, 1989	8.750	April 1, 1991	6.250
May 1, 1989	9.000	May 1, 1991	6.125
June 1, 1989	9.150	June 1, 1991	5.875
July 1, 1989	8.750	July 1, 1991	5.750
August 1, 1989	8.625	October 1, 1991	5.625
September 1, 1989	8.250	November 1, 1991	5.375
October 1, 1989	8.125	December 1, 1991	5.250
December 1, 1989	8.000	January 1, 1992	4.875
February 1, 1990	7.875	February 1, 1992	4.375
April 1, 1990	8.000	March 1, 1992	3.875
May 1, 1990	8.125	May 1, 1992	4.125
July 1, 1990	8.000	June 1, 1992	4.000
October 1, 1990	7.750	July 1, 1992	3.750
November 1, 1990	7.625	September 1, 1992	3.500

FLP Rates (Continued)

C Historical 90-Day Treasury Bill Rates (Continued)

Effective Date	Rate (%)	Effective Date	Rate (%)
October 1, 1992	3.250	November 1, 1997	4.875
November 1, 1992	3.125	December 1, 1997	5.000
December 1, 1992	2.875	January 1, 1998	5.250
January 1, 1993	3.125	June 1, 1998	4.875
February 1, 1993	3.375	November 1, 1998	4.875
March 1, 1993	3.125	December 1, 1998	4.250
April 1, 1993	3.000	January 1, 1999	4.375
August 1, 1993	3.125	February 1, 1999	4.500
November 1, 1993	3.000	May 1, 1999	4.625
January 1, 1994	3.125	June 1, 1999	4.375
April 1, 1994	3.250	July 1, 1999	4.625
May 1, 1994	3.500	September 1, 1999	4.750
June 1, 1994	3.625	November 1, 1999	4.875
July 1, 1994	4.125	January 1, 2000	4.875
August 1, 1994	4.250	February 1, 2000	5.375
September 1, 1994	4.375	April 1, 2000	5.625
October 1, 1994	4.500	May 1, 2000	5.875
November 1, 1994	4.750	July 1, 2000	6.000
December 1, 1994	5.000	August 1, 2000	5.875
January 1, 1995	5.250	September 1, 2000	6.000
February 1, 1995	5.750	October 1, 2000	6.250
April 1, 1995	6.000	January 1, 2001	6.375
May 1, 1995	5.875	February 1, 2001	6.125
August 1, 1995	5.750	March 1, 2001	5.500
September 1, 1995	5.625	April 1, 2001	4.875
November 1, 1995	5.500	May 1, 2001	4.750
February 1, 1996	5.375	June 1, 2001	4.125
March 1, 1996	4.875	July 1, 2001	3.750
April 1, 1996	5.000	August 1, 2001	3.625
June 1, 1996	4.875	October 1, 2001	3.500
August 1, 1996	5.250	November 1, 2001	3.125
December 1, 1996	4.875	December 1, 2001	2.250
February 1, 1997	5.000	January 1, 2002	2.000
March 1, 1997	4.875	February 1, 2002	1.750
May 1, 1997	5.250	March 1, 2002	1.625
June 1, 1997	5.375	April 1, 2002	1.750
July 1, 1997	5.250	October 1, 2002	1.625
August 1, 1997	4.875	January 1, 2003	1.375
October 1, 1997	5.250	February 1, 2003	1.250

FLP Rates (Continued)

C Historical 90-Day Treasury Bill Rates (Continued)

Effective Date	Rate (%)	Effective Date	Rate (%)
April 1, 2003	1.125	October 1, 2006	5.125
August 1, 2003	1.000	November 1, 2006	5.00
September 1, 2003	0.875	January 1, 2007	5.125
October 1, 2003	1.000	February 1, 2007	5.00
December 1, 2003	0.875	April 1, 2007	5.125
January 1, 2004	1.000	June 1, 2007	5.00
February 1, 2004	0.875	July 1, 2007	4.875
May 1, 2004	1.000	August 1, 2007	4.75
August 1, 2004	1.250	September 1, 2007	4.875
September 1, 2004	1.375	October 1, 2007	4.625
October 1, 2004	1.500	November 1, 2007	4.125
November 1, 2004	1.625	December 1, 2007	4.000
December 1, 2004	1.750	January 1, 2008	3.625
January 1, 2005	2.000	February 1, 2008	3.000
February 1, 2005	2.250	March 1, 2008	3.125
April 1, 2005	2.50	April 1, 2008	2.25
May 1, 2005	2.75	May 1, 2008	1.50
June 1, 2005	2.875	June 1, 2008	1.250
July 1, 2005	2.875	July 1, 2008	1.625
August 1, 2005	3.000	August 1, 2008	1.875
September 1, 2005	3.125	September 1, 2008	1.75
October 1, 2005	3.50	November 1, 2008	1.375
December 1, 2005	3.625	December 1, 2008	0.750
January 1, 2006	4.00	January 1, 2009	0.500
March 1, 2006	4.125	February 1, 2009	0.125
April 1, 2006	4.500	April 1, 2009	0.250
May 1, 2006	4.625	June 1, 2009	0.125
July 1, 2006	4.875	September 1, 2009	0.250
September 1, 2006	5.00	*--October 1, 2009	0.125--*

D Current Percentage – Cash Preference

The following table provides the current percentage for cash offers in purchasing inventory property.

Property Type	Percentage
Real Property	97
Chattel Property	96