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**Fact Sheet**

**E-Government Quick Guide**

**Montana State  
Producer Handbook**



**Background**

With the enactment of the Freedom to E-File Act, agriculture producers may access USDA information electronically. E-Government is a way for the Farm Service Agency (FSA), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and Rural Development (RD) to provide information systems that allow customers to receive USDA services from home. Producers may apply for USDA programs on-line or view the current status of USDA services and individual program activity.

**eGovernment Internet Sites**

- **eGovernment**  
<http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/eauthCreateAccount.html> is used by USDA customers to obtain accounts that will allow access to USDA Web applications and services via the Internet.
- **eLDP**  
is an Internet-based service allowing producers to request Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) on line and, in most cases, receive approval and payment by direct deposit within 48 hours.
- **eDCP**  
an Internet-based service that allows agricultural producers to enroll in Direct and Counter-cyclical Payments (DCP) online. Producers can choose DCP payment options, assign crop shares, and sign and

submit their contracts from their own computer.

- **USDA Home Page**  
[www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov) provides information on USDA agencies and offices, featuring the latest program news, initiatives, policies and services.
- **National FSA Home Page**  
[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) is the national FSA website, with links to local offices, program sign-ups, forms, conservation programs, loans, fact sheets, and news releases.
- **Montana FSA Home Page**  
[www.fsa.usda.gov/mt](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mt) is the local link to programs affecting Montana.
- **eForms**  
<http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet> provides online access to more than 300 USDA forms to view or print out. These are the forms most commonly used by FSA, NRCS, and RD.
- **National NRCS Home Page**  
[www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov) is the national NRCS website, its programs, news and technical references. There are links for farmers and ranchers, communities, homeowners, teachers and students, and others who have business with NRCS or need information.
- **Montana NRCS Home Page**  
[www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov) provides information pertinent to producers on important sign-up dates and programs

suitable to Montana's natural resources.

- **TechReg**  
<http://techreg.usda.gov> makes it easy for farmers, ranchers and other USDA customers to find certified Technical Service Providers for their county, or for individuals to register and become certified.
- **eFOTG**  
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> gives USDA customers access to electronic Field Office Technical Guides for each state. The guides contain technical information about the conservation of soil, water, air, and related plant and animal resources. Guides used in each field office are localized so they apply specifically to the geographic area for which they are prepared.
- **eRulemaking**  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) is Online Rulemaking Management, where USDA customers may offer their comments online concerning proposed rules and regulations authored by USDA agencies.
- **eGrants**  
<http://grants.gov> provides centralized Web-based access to apply for and manage USDA grants.

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